

B191

PCT

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION  
International Bureau

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(51) International Patent Classification <sup>6</sup> :  C12N 15/12, 15/00, 15/11, 15/63, A61K 38/16, C07K 16/00, C12P 21/02, C12Q 1/68, G01N 33/53, 33/68		A1	(11) International Publication Number: <b>WO 99/18208</b>
			(43) International Publication Date: 15 April 1999 (15.04.99)
(21) International Application Number: PCT/US98/20775		lantic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20851 (US). ROSEN, Craig, A. [US/US]; 22400 Rolling Hill Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882 (US). RUBEN, Steven, M. [US/US]; 18528 Heritage Hills Drive, Olney, MD 20832 (US). GREENE, John, M. [US/US]; 872 Diamond Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (US). YOUNG, Paul [US/US]; 122 Beckwith Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (US). FERRIE, Ann, M. [US/US]; 120 Fox Run Drive, Tewsbury, MA 01876 (US). YU, Guo-Liang [CN/US]; 1714C Marina Court, San Mateo, CA 94403 (US). JANAT, Fouad [US/US]; 140 High Street #202, Westerly, RI 02891 (US). NI, Jian [CN/US]; 5502 Manorfield, Rockville, MD 20853 (US). CARTER, Kenneth, C. [US/US]; 11601 Brandy Hill Lane, North Potomac, MD 20878 (US). ENDRESS, Gregory, A. [US/US]; 9729 Clagett Farm Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 (US). FENG, Ping [CN/US]; 4 Reilda Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (US). LAFLEUR, David, W. [US/US]; 3142 Quesada Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20015 (US). SHI, Yanggu [CN/US]; Apartment 102, 437 West Side Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 (US).	
(22) International Filing Date: 1 October 1998 (01.10.98)		(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC. [US/US]; 9410 Key West Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 (US).	
(30) Priority Data:  60/060,837 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,862 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,839 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,866 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,843 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,836 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,838 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,874 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,833 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,884 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US 60/060,880 2 October 1997 (02.10.97) US		(74) Agents: BROOKES, A., Anders et al.; Human Genome Sciences, Inc., 9410 Key West Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 (US).	
(72) Inventors; and  (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): DUAN, D., Roxanne [US/US]; 5515 Northfield Road, Bethesda, MD 20817 (US). FLORENCE, Kimberly, A. [US/US]; 12805 At-		(81) Designated States: AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).	
<p><b>Published</b></p> <p><i>With international search report.</i> <i>With an indication in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13bis separately from the description.</i></p>			
(54) Title: 101 HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS			
<p><b>(57) Abstract</b></p> <p>The present invention relates to novel human secreted proteins and isolated nucleic acids containing the coding regions of the genes encoding such proteins. Also provided are vectors, host cells, antibodies, and recombinant methods for producing human secreted proteins. The invention further relates to diagnostic and therapeutic methods useful for diagnosis and treating disorders related to these novel human secreted proteins.</p>			

**FOR THE PURPOSES OF INFORMATION ONLY**

Codes used to identify States party to the PCT on the front pages of pamphlets publishing international applications under the PCT.

AT	Austria	GB	United Kingdom	MR	Mauritania
AU	Australia	GE	Georgia	MW	Malawi
BB	Barbados	GN	Guinea	NE	Niger
BE	Belgium	GR	Greece	NL	Netherlands
BF	Burkina Faso	HU	Hungary	NO	Norway
BG	Bulgaria	IE	Ireland	NZ	New Zealand
BJ	Benin	IT	Italy	PL	Poland
BR	Brazil	JP	Japan	PT	Portugal
BY	Belarus	KR	Kenya	RO	Romania
CA	Canada	KG	Kyrgyzstan	RU	Russian Federation
CF	Central African Republic	KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SD	Sudan
CG	Congo	KR	Republic of Korea	SE	Sweden
CH	Switzerland	KZ	Kazakhstan	SI	Slovenia
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	LI	Liechtenstein	SK	Slovakia
CM	Cameroon	LK	Sri Lanka	SN	Senegal
CN	China	LU	Luxembourg	TD	Chad
CS	Czechoslovakia	LV	Latvia	TG	Togo
CZ	Czech Republic	MC	Monaco	TJ	Tajikistan
DE	Germany	MD	Republic of Moldova	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
DK	Denmark	MG	Madagascar	UA	Ukraine
ES	Spain	ML	Mali	US	United States of America
FI	Finland	MN	Mongolia	UZ	Uzbekistan
FR	France			VN	Viet Nam
GA	Gabon				

DescriptionA Method For Predicting Protein Structure1. Introduction

The present invention relates to methods of predicting the tendency of a portion of a protein to form amphiphilic  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure.

5

2. Background Of The Invention2.1. Methods For Determining Protein Structure

Several algorithms are currently used to evaluate 10 the secondary structure of proteins, including the Kyte-Doolittle, Chou-Fasman-Prevelige, and PHD methods.

The Kyte-Doolittle method (Kyte and Doolittle, 1982, J. Mol. Biol. 157: 105-132) evaluates the 15 hydrophobicity and hydrophilicity of each amino acid, as they appear sequentially in a protein. The program then uses a continuous moving segment approach that determines the average hydropathy within a predetermined segment. Although the program can accurately predict interior and exterior regions of 20 soluble globular proteins, data on membrane spanning regions of transmembrane proteins is more ambiguous.

The Chou-Fasman-Prevelige (CFP) algorithm (Prevelige and Fasman, 1989, in "Predictions of Protein Structure and the Principles of Protein Conformation", 25 Fasman, ed., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 391-416) uses a statistical approach to the study of protein secondary structur . The conformational parameters for each amino acid are calculated using the relative frequency of a given amino acid within a protein, its 30 occurrence in a given type of secondary structur , and the fraction of residues occurring in that type of

structure. Since these parameters (such as hydrophobicity) contain information about protein stability, properly weighted for their relative importance, they are useful for predicting secondary structures. These parameters, represented by  $P\alpha$  and  $P\beta$  or  $P_c$  (for  $\alpha$ -helix,  $\beta$ -sheets or coils, respectively) are utilized to locate nucleation sites within an amino acid sequence. These nucleation sites are then extended until a stretch unlikely to belong to that structure is encountered, whereupon that structure is terminated. This process is repeated throughout the sequence until the secondary structure of the entire sequence is predicted.

The PHD method (Rost and Sander, 1992, *Nature* 360: 540) utilizes a combination of evolutionary and multiple sequence alignment information, and a "jury" of 12 networks. Since this method is a fully automated computer program, it is independent of human input or interpretation and as such delivers a unique approach.

20

## 2.2. Structure Of Glucose Transport Proteins

Mammalian glucose transporter proteins (GLUTs) constitute a family of proteins which are integrally embedded in the cell membrane and primarily transport glucose into and out of cells. Recent evidence indicates that compounds other than glucose, for example, water, dehydroascorbic acid and nicotinamide, can traverse GLUTs suggesting that these proteins may be multifunctional.

30

For example, glucose transporter proteins have recently been shown to exhibit a modest permeability to water (Fischbarg et al., 1990, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 87: 3244-3247), suggesting that there is a channel in glucose transporter proteins that is hydrated and may serve as a conduit for the substrates mentioned in the paragraph above. Further, GLUT proteins may play a

role in the pathogenesis of diabetes, in that insulin elicits a specific and rapid response from GLUT proteins in human muscle and fat cells where a rapid translocation of GLUT from an internal storage pool to 5 the plasma membrane occurs, thereby increasing the glucose uptake by these cells. In adipocytes, the Km for glucose may also be lowered as a response to insulin.

10 The GLUT proteins have been well characterized biochemically and their primary structures have been determined. But as is the case with many membrane proteins, the secondary structures of GLUTs are largely unknown, greatly hindering any study of their molecular mechanisms.

15 The hitherto most favored model of GLUT secondary structure predicts that GLUT proteins form 12 transmembrane  $\alpha$ -helices (12H model; Mueckler et al., 1985, *Science*, 229:941-945). Further studies suggesting a high  $\alpha$ -helical content include Chin et 20 al., 1986, *J. Biol. Chem.* 261: 7101-7104 (Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, FTIR) and Chin et al., 1987, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 84: 4113-4116 (circular dichroism, CD). Other studies have suggested that extensive  $\alpha$ -helical content is accompanied by 25 significant  $\beta$ -folding (FTIR spectroscopy: Alvarez et al., 1987, *J. Biol. Chem.* 262: 2502-3509; CD: Park et al., 1992, *Protein Science* 1:1032-1049), but have failed to appreciate the full extent of the  $\beta$ -structure predicted by the present invention.

30 The 12H model indicates that the highly conserved sequence (Ile 386 - Ala 405), in a particular GLUT protein, GLUT1, is intracellular. However, recent experiments (Fischbarg et al., 1993, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 90: 11658-11662) utilizing a synthetic 35 polyclonal antibody to this conserved region showed that the antibody induced an increased glucose uptake

only when administered extracellularly. This is inconsistent with the purported intracellular location of the region in the 12H model. These data, contradicting the established model, prompted further 5 analysis of GLUT secondary structure using the novel algorithm of the invention and, as set forth below, led to the discovery of a new model for GLUT structure.

### 3. Summary Of The Invention

10 The present invention relates to methods of predicting the tendency of a portion of a protein to form amphiphilic  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure. It is based, at least in part, on the discovery that porin membrane proteins, which were previously assumed to contain 15 predominantly  $\alpha$  amphiphilic structure, unexpectedly are predicted to contain substantial amounts of  $\beta$  structure.

20 The methods of the present invention provide a number of advantages relative to methods previously used to analyze protein structure. For example, the CFP 25 algorithm fails to consider hydrophobicity and amphiphilicity, and is more ambiguous in its predictions than the algorithms of the present invention. The CFP peaks are not fully representative of the actual protein structure, whereas the peaks seen by the Union program may provide a better visual representation of actual secondary structure.

30 In particular embodiments, the methods of the invention may be used to predict the presence of  $\beta$ -barrel structures in membrane proteins. The prediction of such structures in the protein may then be used for the rational design or identification of compounds that may interact with the protein. Alternatively, the methods of the invention may be used to create  $\beta$ -barrel 35 structures in genetically engineered proteins.

#### 4. Description Of The Figures

FIGURE 1 (D.E.H. and I) Data represent averaged values from two 10-oocyte groups: other data are averages from three such groups. Individual values differed with each other by <20%. For 60 min before the uptake assay, one group of oocyte (intracellular Ab, solid bars) was injected with 20-30 nl of a solution containing either Ab-1, Ab-4, or Ab-c (1 ng of Ab per 1 nl of water). A second group of oocytes (extracellular Ab, shaded bars) was incubated for 60 min in MBS containing the same ABs before measuring  $^3$ H-DOG uptake. Control oocytes (open bars) were incubated in MBS. (D) Oocytes were incubated for 60 min with Ab in the outside incubation medium; the Ab concentration was varied as indicated. Solid circles, Ab-c; open circles (controls) Ab-4. (E) Oocytes incubated with Ab-c plus the addition of various concentrations of a peptide. The following peptides were used: solid circles, the conserved peptide Ile-386-Ala-405; open circles, the last 20 amino acids at the C-terminal end of GLUT4 (F) Oocytes incubated with Abs in the outside medium. Solid circles, Ab-c; open circles, Ab-4 (G) Open circles, oocytes incubated initially in medium containing 1  $\mu$ M insulin; arrow, the medium was replaced by another one containing insulin plus Ab-c (100  $\mu$ g/ml). Solid circles, Ab-c in the initial incubation medium. Ab-c plus insulin after the arrow (H and I) Lineweaver-Burk plots of  $^3$ H-DOG uptake in oocytes expressing GLUT1 and GLUT4, respectively, and incubated in the following media: open circles, MBS (controls); solid circles, MBS plus Ab-c (100  $\mu$ g/ml); triangles, MBS plus 1  $\mu$ M insulin.

FIGURE 2. Multipl sequence alignment of two porins (OmpF, SEQ ID NO:1 and S16070, SEQ ID NO:2) and GLUT1 (SEQ ID NO:3). S16070 stands f r POR. Rectangles, existing (OmpF, POR) and predicted (GLUT1)

$\beta$ -strands. Rounded rectangles, existing (OmpF, POR) and predicted (GLUT1)  $\alpha$ -helices.

FIGURE 3. Prediction of porin structures using Union. Area graphs,  $U_\beta$ , prediction profiles. Structures known from crystallography (cryst.) or predicted (prd) are shown above the profiles in each case.

FIGURE 4. Our prediction for GLUT1. From top down, prediction profiles of hydrophobicity; turn; and union propensity for amphipathic  $\alpha$ -helices and  $\beta$ -strands, respectively. Spans: 4 for <pt>; others are indicated in label subindices. For comparison, predicted structures are shown at the top and bottom panels. For the 12H model and for our prediction symbols are shown angled so that their lower and higher ends correspond to their intra-and extracellular sides, respectively.

FIGURE 5. Putative  $\beta$ B of GLUT1 viewed from inside the cell. A molecule of  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose is shown in the center of the pore as a size marker (viewed from C1)

FIGURE 6. Model of secondary structure of GLUT1 (SEQ ID NO:3). Putative 16 transmembrane  $\beta$ -strands are represented by rectangles. The more hydrophilic sides of the  $\beta$ -strands (presumably lining the pore) are facing right. In the extramembrane loops, triangles denote predicted turns, and rectangles mark predicted  $\alpha$ -helices. Of the two possible N-linked glycosylation sites N 45 and N 411, mutagenesis points to the first (Asano et al., 1991, J. Biol. Chem. 266:24632-24636). Two epitopes, 217-272 and 386-405 and a sugar binding site, Q 282 (Hashiramoto et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem., 267: 17502-17507), are boldface.

FIGURE 7. Union profiles are shaded. Cry: information from high-resolution structures. t: turns. (A) reaction center, L chain; (B) bacteriorhodopsin;

-6a-

(C) colicin A; (D) *Rhodobacter capsulatus* porin; and  
(E) *Escherichia coli* porin."

5 FIGURE 8. Arrows mark predicted  $\beta$ -strands. (A) facilitative glucose transporter 1; (B) CHIP28; (C) acetylcholine receptor  $\alpha$ -subunit; (D) lactose permease; (E)  $\text{Na}^+/\text{glucose}$  cotransporter; (F) shaker K channel; (G) calcium ATPase (sarcoplasmic reticulum); and (H)  $\text{H}^+/\text{K}^+$  ATPase. In 8a, 4th panel, the dotted lines suggest the topological

orientation of predicted  $\beta$ -strands (intracellular at bottom). In 8d, panel 1, the alkaline phosphatase activity reported for the different fusions is superimposed on the  $H_{21}$  plot. Number labels identify the 5 fusions. Also shown there is the 12H model for lac permease. As in 8a, a topological orientation is suggested (intracellular at bottom).

FIGURE 9. Zscores have been normalized (scoreN) for sequence length as in Park et al., 1992, Protein 10 Sci. 1:1032-1049, namely:  $scoreN = scoreorig/C*[1 - exp(A*sequence\ length + B)]$ . For each of the two environments depicted in panels (a) and (b), the same set of 400 randomly chosen globular proteins was run to generate a baseline distribution of raw scores vs. 15 sequence length.

##### 5. Detailed Description Of The Invention

For clarity of presentation, and not by way of limitation, the detailed description of the invention 20 is divided into the following subsections:

- (i) proteins to which the inventive structural determination method may be applied;
- (ii) the Union algorithm;
- (iii) the UNION program; and
- 25 (iv) the utility of the invention.

###### 5.1. Proteins To Which The Inventive Structural Determination Method May Be Applied

The methods of the present invention may be 30 applied to any protein, in order to determine the propensity of portions of the protein to form  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  structures.

In preferred embodiments of the invention, the methods are applied to membrane proteins, particularly 35 proteins involved in transporting compounds between the intracellular and the extracellular compartments. For

example, and not by way of limitation, the methods of the present invention may be applied to the following proteins and to each member of their respective families: GLUT proteins (including but not limited to erythrocyte glycophorin), bacterial porins (including OmpC, OmpF, NmpA, NmpB, NmpC and LamB, etc.), aquaporins, bacteriorhodopsin and the bacteriorhodopsin precursor, the reaction center L chain, colicin A, Rhodobacter capsulatus porin, and *E. coli* porin, the acetylcholine receptor  $\alpha$  subunit, lac permease, sodium-glucose co-transporter, shaker potassium ion channel, sarcoplasmic reticulum calcium-ATPase, components of the sodium ion/ potassium ion pump, gap junction proteins, cytokine receptors, the multidrug resistance transporter, the cystic fibrosis conductance regulator and "band III" protein of the erythrocyte membrane.

### 5.2. The Union Algorithm

The present invention provides for a Union algorithm which is able to predict the presence of amphiphilic  $\alpha$  and/or  $\beta$  structures in proteins, preferably membrane proteins, as set forth below.

The present invention provides for a method of predicting the tendency of a portion of a protein to form an amphiphilic  $\alpha$  structure, said portion having a span of  $x$  residues, wherein  $x$  is any integer, comprising calculating a value for  $U_{\alpha x}$  using the equation  $U_{\alpha x} = H_x + \mu_{\alpha x} - \langle pt \rangle$ .  $H_x$  is the average hydrophobicity for a span of  $x$  residues using the Kyte-Doolittle scale.  $\mu_{\alpha x}$  is the hydrophobic moment (span  $x$ ) as calculated by the method set forth in Eisenberg et al., 1984, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 81: 140-144, for  $\alpha$  structures, the angle between one residue and the successive residue being that associated with  $\alpha$  helices, such as about 90-110°, and preferably 100°.  $\langle pt \rangle$  is the position dependent turn propensity, as

calculated according to the method set forth in Prevelige and Fasman, 1989, in "Prediction of Protein Structure and the Principles of Protein Conformation", Fasman, ed., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 391-416

5 (assigned to residue 2 in a 4-point turn). For example, a value of  $\langle pt \rangle$  of a tetrapeptide is calculated as  $pt = f_i \times f_{i+1} \times f_{i+2} \times f_{i+3}$  when "i" is the residue and f= bend frequencies in the four positions of the  $\alpha$ -turn.

10 The present invention also provides for a method of predicting the tendency of a portion of a protein to form an amphiphilic  $\beta$  structure, said portion having a span of x residues, wherein x is any integer, comprising calculating a value for  $U_{\beta x}$  using the 15 equation  $U_{\beta x} = H_x + \mu_{\beta x} - \langle pt \rangle$ .  $H_x$  is the average hydrophobicity for a span of x residues using the Kyte-Doolittle scale.  $\mu_{\beta x}$  is the hydrophobic moment (span x) as calculated by the method set forth in Eisenberg et al., 1984, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 81: 140-144, 20 for  $\beta$  structures, the angle between one residue and the successive residue being that associated with  $\beta$ -structures, such as about 150-210°, preferably 160°.  $\langle pt \rangle$  is the position dependent turn propensity, as calculated by the method set forth in Prevelige and 25 Fasman, 1989, in "Prediction of Protein Structure and the Principles of Protein Conformation", Fasman, ed., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 391-416) (assigned to residue 2 in a 4-point turn). For example, a value of  $\langle pt \rangle$  of a tetrapeptide is calculated as  $pt = f_i \times f_{i+1} \times f_{i+2} \times f_{i+3}$  when "i" is the residue and f= bend 30 frequencies in the four positions of the  $\beta$ -turn.

Odd number residues are generally chosen in assigning hydropathy values so that a given sum could be plotted above the mid-residue of the segment. In 35 preferred, nonlimiting embodiments, the value of x is seven or twenty-one. These values are preferable

because a length of seven residues represents the shortest span that can be reliably used with a minimum of localized "noise". A larger span of twenty-one residues was also chosen since this represents the 5 average length of membrane spanning  $\alpha$ -helices.

Accordingly, the extent of  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure may be determined using the Union algorithm by calculating the values for U as set forth above, for a series of portions spanning the protein or a relevant 10 part of its structure, graphically depicting the results of these calculations, and performing the following analyses:

The  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure of the segments are interpreted on the basis of height and width of peaks in the 15  $U_{\alpha x}$  and  $U_{\beta x}$  profiles and the predicted hydrophobicity of the segments. The height is determined relative to a threshold. The threshold may be arbitrarily set at 0, or may be assigned a different value, depending on the protein being analyzed. For example, as in the case 20 of the porins, (see Figure 3) peaks were considered to originate at a threshold of zero, and were taken to predict  $\beta$ -structure if their upper segment exceeded a threshold set at about 2 (1.83 in one case, 2.15 in another) in a scale set to range from -4.5 to +4.5 25 (see Example 6, below). The value of 2 was chosen because it best fit proteins, known to have  $\beta$ -structure, used for calibration.

Peaks wide enough to correspond to a segment of the amino acid sequence long enough to span the 30 membrane as an  $\alpha$ -helix (e.g. 18-22, preferably 20 or 21 residues) are predicted to be  $\alpha$  structures. Peaks that are too narrow to correspond to a segment of the amino acid sequence long enough to span the membrane as an  $\alpha$ -helix but which are wide enough to correspond to a 35 segment of the amino acid sequence with the correct length to span the membrane as  $\beta$ -strands (e.g., as

short as 6 residues, preferably 9-14) are predicted to be  $\beta$  structures. Transmembrane segments of a protein may thereby be predicted to comprise either amphiphilic  $\alpha$ -type or  $\beta$ -type, or both.

5 In preferred embodiments of the invention, the foregoing methods may be practiced employing the source code for the Union algorithm, as set forth in Section 5.2.1, below. The  $U_{\alpha x}$  or the  $U_{\beta x}$  profiles generated using the source code in Section 5.2.1. give a graphic 10 visualization of the  $U_{\alpha x}$  or  $U_{\beta x}$  values, respectively, of the segments from one end of the protein to the other. This tracks the hydrophobic and hydrophilic regions relative to a universal midline.

15 For example, and not by way of limitation, the use of methods comprising the Union algorithm to identify  $\beta$ -barrel structure in various proteins is set forth in sections 5 and 7, below.

### 5.2.1. Source Code For The Union Algorithm

```

1  /* PROGRAM UNION
2  /* J. FISCHBARG, F. CZEGLEDY, P. ISEROVICH; OCT. 1992-oct. 1993 */
3  /*
4  /* TO CALCULATE AVG. HYDROPHOBICITY, AMPHIPHILICITY AND TURN POTENTIAL
5  /* OUTPUT COLUMNS FOR SYMPHONY OR ORIGIN
6  /* please do not use word "UNION" in program (PBS has command UNION)
7  /* TAKES INPUT FROM DEFAULT TEXT FILE, NAMELY:
8  /* DEFAULTS = paths + "DEFAULT.TEX"
9  /* TAKES SEQUENCE DATA FROM:
10 fileinps = paths + fileinps + ".seq"
11 /* WRITES PUTPUT DATA TO:
12 fileouts = paths + fileouts + ".dat"
13 /* p1 = round(houtspenn(1), 2)
14 /* p2=round(ampioutalphan(1),2)
15 /* p3=round(ampioutbetan(1),2)
16 /* p4 = round(ptseqn(1), 2)
17 /* p5 = round(unnalphan(1), 2)
18 /* p6 = round(unnbetan(1), 2)
19 /* p7 = round(houtmheln(1), 2)
20 SSTATIC
21 Sstring 1
22 DECLARE SUB NORMAL (DUM1(), nlen%, DUMN1())
23 DECLARE SUB LN (ptseqn1(), NOUTN1(), AMPHOUTN1(), nlen%, UNN1())
24 common paths,fileinps,fileinps,nseq,houtspenn(1),ptseqn(1),unnalphan(1),_
25 unnbetan(1),houtmheln(1)
26 DEFINT I-N
27 nes = 20
28 NSEQ = 1500
29 nwin = 26
30 DIM symbols3(nes)
31 DIM seqh(NSEQ)
32 DIM seqi(NSEQ)
33 DIM seqt(NSEQ)
34 DIM seqs(NSEQ)
35 DIM vkyte(nes)
36 DIM pturn(nes)
37 DIM rwsiz(nes)
38 DIM hout(NSEQ)
39 DIM houtmheln(NSEQ)
40 DIM amphiout(NSEQ)
41 'DIM houtmheln(nseq)           'normalized
42 DIM houtspenn(NSEQ)           'normalized
43 DIM AMPHOUTBETAN(NSEQ)        'normalized
44 DIM AMPHOUTALPHAN(NSEQ)       'normalized
45 DIM turnprop(NSEQ)           'normalize
46 DIM turnpropn(NSEQ)           'normalized
47 DIM UNNALPHA(NSEQ)           'normalized
48 DIM UNNBETA(NSEQ)             'normalized
49 DIM unnbetan(NSEQ)           'normalized
50 DIM turnpropn(NSEQ)           'normalized
51 DIM DUM(NSEQ)
52 DIM DUMN(NSEQ)               'normalized
53 DIM pt(20, 4)
54 DIM PTSEQ(NSEQ)
55 DIM ptseqn(NSEQ)              'normalized
56 saccodes8 = "ARNDCQEGHILDNIFPSTWYV"
57 CLS
58 'PRINT " ENTER PATH (WITH ...\""

```

-13-

```

60  'INPUT PATHS
61  paths = "C:\VBA\BEAUFORT\" 
62  DEFAULTS = paths + "DEFAULT.TEX"
63  OPEN DEFAULTS FOR INPUT AS #5
64  INPUT #5, fileins, fileouts, angalpha, angbeta, WHEL, span, UW
65  CLOSE #5
66  fileins = paths + fileins + ".seq"
67  fileouts = paths + fileouts + ".dat" :
68  'Kyte-Doolittle scale
69  '   1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
70  'LIST: A, R, N, D, C, Q, E, G, H, I
71  'DATA 1.8,-4.5,-3.5,-3.5,2.5,-3.5,-0.4,-3.2,4.5
72  '   11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
73  '   L, K, M, F, P, S, T, W, Y, V
74  'DATA 3.8,-3.9,1.9,2.8,-1.6,-0.8,-0.7,-0.9,-1.3,4.2
75  '   Chou-Fasman turn propensities - scaled to correspond to ID indices
76  '   1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
77  '   A, R, N, D, C, Q, E, G, H, I
78
79  DATA -2.9,-0.5, 4.5, 3.7, 1.4,-0.3,-2.3, 4.5,-0.5,-4.5
80  '   11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
81  '   L, K, M, F, P, S, T, W, Y, V
82  DATA -3.5, 0.0,-3.4,-3.4, 4.2, 3.4,-0.5,-0.5, 1.0,-4.3
83
84
85  start:
86  CLS
87  DUMMY = 0
88  PRINT "1. FILE NAME FOR INPUT "; fileins
89  PRINT "2. FILE NAME FOR OUTPUT "; fileouts
90  PRINT "3. ANGLE FOR ALPHA/BETA STRUCTURES (HYDROPHOBIC MOMENT) "
91  PRINT "   ALPHA STRUCTURE= "; angalpha; "BETA STRUCTURE= "; angbeta
92  PRINT "4. WINDOW SIZE FOR MEMBRANE HELICES "; WHEL
93  PRINT "5. SPAN FOR UNION "; span
94  PRINT "6. WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION "; UW
95  PRINT "9. TO END SESSION "
96  PRINT " TO CHANGE ANY SETTINGS ENTER CORRESPONDING NUMBER "
97  PRINT " IF YOU ARE READY TO CONTINUE PRESS ENTER "
98  INPUT DUMMY
99  SELECT CASE DUMMY
100 CASE 1
101   GOSUB FILENAMEINPUT
102 CASE 2
103   GOSUB FILENAMEOUTPUT
104 CASE 3
105   GOSUB MOMENTANGLE
106 CASE 4
107   GOSUB ALPHAWINDOW
108 CASE 5
109   GOSUB BETAWINDOW
110 CASE 6
111   GOSUB UNNWINDOW
112 CASE 9
113   GOTO salida
114 CASE 0
115   OPEN DEFAULTS FOR OUTPUT AS #6
116   WRITE #6, fileins, fileouts, angalpha, angbeta, WHEL, span, UW
117   CLOSE #6 :
118   GOSUB WORKING
119 END SELECT

```

-14-

```

120      PRINT 3
121      GOTO start
122
123      FILENAMEINPUT:
124      SHELL "DIR " + paths + ".SEQ/W"
125      LOCATE 20, 1
126      PRINT "ENTER FNAME (ONLY) FOR INPUT SEQ; PROG ADDS DEF FILE
127          TYPES .SEQ & .DAT"
127      INPUT fileins
128      fileouts = fileins
129      fileinps = paths + fileins + ".seq"
130      fileoutps = paths + fileouts + ".dat"
131      RETURN
132
133
134      WORKING:
135      OPEN fileinps FOR INPUT AS #1
136      INPUT #1, sequences
137      CLOSE #1
138      turninputs = paths + "inp.dat"
139      OPEN turninputs FOR INPUT AS #3
140      FOR I = 1 TO 20
141          FOR m = 1 TO 4
142              INPUT #3, pt(I, m)
143              NEXT m
144          NEXT I
145          CLOSE #3
146      FOR n = 1 TO 20
147          READ vkyte(n)
148          symbolsS(n) = MID$(aacodes$, n, 1)
149      NEXT n
150      FOR n = 1 TO 20
151          READ pturn(n)      'acquire Chou-Fasman turn potentials
152      NEXT n
153      RESTORE
154      PRINT "..... WORKING....."
155      nlen = LEN(sequences$)
156      FOR n = 1 TO nlen
157          seqS(n) = MID$(sequences$, n, 1)
158      NEXT n
159      ' end of while loop
160      FOR I = 1 TO nlen      ' from 1 to length of sequence */
161      FOR k = 1 TO 20
162          IF seqS(I) = symbolsS(k) THEN ' identify ordinal FOR as /*
163              seqh(I) = vkyte(k)      ' and assign hydrophobicity value to residue*/
164              seqt(I) = pturn(k)
165              seqn(I) = k          'assign residue name number/*
166          END IF
167          NEXT k
168      NEXT I
169      'cls
170      '      PRINT "A.A.: " seqS(i), "Hydr. I.: " seqh(i)
171      'j=3
172      ' FOR l=1 TO (nlen-j+1) 'l: beginn. of window; calc.
173      '      'all residues in wind./*
174      '      turnacc = 0
175      '      'FOR i=1 TO (l+j-1)      'loop on i through all res. in window /
176      '          turnacc = turnacc seqt(i)
177      '      'NEXT i
178      '      m = l-1 (j+1)/2      ' define center of window /*
179      '      turnprop(m) = turnacc/ j 'calculate average turn propensity

```

```

180      ' NEXT !
181      FOR n = 2 TO (nlen - 2)
182          PTSEQ(n) = pt(seq(n - 1), 1) * pt(seq(n), 2) * pt(seq(n + 1), 3)
183          * pt(seq(n + 2), 4)
184
185      NEXT n
186      PTSEQ(1) = PTSEQ(2)
187      PTSEQ(nlen) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
188      PTSEQ(nlen - 1) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
189      CALL NORMAL(PTSEQ(), nlen, ptseqn())
190
191      ' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR MEMBRANE HELICES '
192      FLAG = 1 ' calculate hydrophobicity '
193      j = WHEL           ' window
194      GOSUB MAIN          ' and we will get hout(m)
195      CALL NORMAL(hout(), nlen, houtmheln()) 'and we will get houtmheln'
196
197      ' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR SHORT SPAN
198      FLAG = 1 ' calculate hydrophobicity '
199      j = span           ' window
200      GOSUB MAIN          ' and we will get hout(m)
201      CALL NORMAL(hout(), nlen, houtspann()) 'and we will get houtspann'
202
203      'calculation alpha moment'
204      FLAG = 0
205      j = span
206      ANGLE = angalpha
207      GOSUB MAIN          'and we will get amphicut(m)'
208      CALL NORMAL(amphicut(), nlen, AMPHICUTALPHAN())'and we will get
209
210      AMPHICUTALPHAN'
211
212      ' calculation beta moment'
213      FLAG = 0 'gives amphicut output
214      j = span
215      ANGLE = angbeta
216      GOSUB MAIN          'we get beta moment, amphicut(m)'
217      CALL NORMAL(amphicut(), nlen, AMPHICUTBETAN()) 'an
218
219      'calculate union alpha
220      CALL UN(ptseqn(), houtspann(), AMPHICUTALPHAN(), n
221      CALL NORMAL(UNNALPHA(), nlen, unnalphan())
222      'calculate union beta
223      CALL UN(ptseqn(), houtspann(), AMPHICUTBETAN(), n
224      CALL NORMAL(UNNBETA(), nlen, unnbetan())
225
226      GOSUB producto
227      PRINT 5
228      RETURN
229      'GOTO SALIDA
230
231      MOMENTANGLE:
232      PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR ALPHA STRUCTURES "
233      INPUT angalpha
234      PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR BETA STRUCTURES "
235      INPUT angbeta
236      RETURN
237
238      ALPHAWINDOW:
239      PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR MEMBRANE HELICAL SPANS (ODD NUMBER)"
240      INPUT WHEL
241      RETURN
242
243      BETAWINDOW:
244      PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR UNION SPAN (ODD NUMBER)"
245

```

-16-

```

241      INPUT SPAN
242      RETURN
243
244      UNIONWINDOW:
245      PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION"
246      INPUT UW
247      RETURN
248
249      MAIN:      'window size j is already defined
250      IF j > 1 THEN
251      '***** STARTING SEGMENT
252      FOR m = 1 TO (j - 1) / 2
253      LB = 1          'LOW BOUNDARY
254      UB = m + (j - 1) / 2'UPPER BOUNDARY
255      GOSUB CALCULATION
256      NEXT m
257      '***** END SEGMENT
258      FOR m = (nlen + 1 - (j-1)/2) TO nlen 'm ctr of window'
259      LB = m - (j - 1) / 2'low boundary
260      UB = nlen
261      GOSUB CALCULATION
262      NEXT m
263      ' MAIN CENTER SEGMENT
264      FOR m = (j + 1) / 2 TO (nlen - (j-1)/2)' m center of the window'
265      LB = m - (j - 1) / 2
266      UB = m + (j - 1) / 2
267      GOSUB CALCULATION
268      NEXT m
269      END IF
270      RETURN
271
272      CALCULATION:
273      IF FLAG = 1 THEN ' calculate hydrophobicity'
274      csum = 0: cum = 0
275      FOR i = LB TO UB
276      cum = sech(i) + cum
277      cum = cum + 1
278      hout(m) = csum / cum      ' compute hydrophobicity average '
279      NEXT i
280      ELSE
281      t = 0
282      scum = 0
283      Mx = 0
284      My = 0
285      'reset amphiphilic accumulators'
286      FOR i = LB TO UB
287      x = COS(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (i - LB) / 360)'Esinberg
288      y = SIN(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (i - LB) / 360)
289      Mx = Mx + (x * sech(i))
290      My = My + (y * sech(i))
291      scum = scum + 1
292      NEXT i
293      amphout(m) = SQRT(Mx ^ 2 + My ^ 2)
294      END IF
295      RETURN
296      '      SUB SMOOTH(cum(1),nlen,cum(1))
297      '      FOR m=1 TO nlen
298      '      if Dmax ((j-1)/2+1) then      'j window size for smoothing

```

-17-

```

299      LB=1      'low boundary
300      UB=LEN(j-1)/2  'upper boundary
301      end if
302      NEXT i
303      FOR nlen = 1-(j-1)/2 TO nlen ' = center of the window'
304      LB=LEN(j-1)/2  'low boundary
305      UB= nlen
306      GOSUB SMTH
307      FOR i = (j-1)/2 TO (nlen-(j-1)/2) ' = center of the window'
308      LB=i-(j-1)/2
309      UB=i+(j-1)/2
310      GOSUB SMTH
311      NEXT i
312      return
313
314      SMTH:
315      SEQACCUM = 0: ACCUM = 0'RESET
316      FOR i = LB TO UB
317      SEQACCUM = SEQACCUM + DUM(i)
318      ACCUM = ACCUM + 1
319      NEXT i
320      DUMS(i) = SEQACCUM / ACCUM
321      RETURN
322      product:
323      OPEN fileouts FOR OUTPUT AS #2
324      'PRINT #2, "res", "H21", "H7", "res", "pt", "us", "ub"
325      PRINT #2, "res", "H21", "H7", "pt", "us", "ub"
326      FOR l = 1 TO nlen
327      PRINT "l= "; l; "; nlen "; nlen
328      p1 = round(houtspan(l), 2)
329      ' p2=round(amphioutalpha(l),2)
330      ' p3=round(amphioutbeta(l),2)
331      p4 = round(ptseqn(l), 2)
332      p5 = round(unrelphn(l), 2)
333      p6 = round(unrbetan(l), 2)
334      p7 = round(houtsheln(l), 2)
335      LOCATE 15, 1
336      'PRINT l;p7;p1;p2;p3;p4;p5;p6
337      PRINT l; p7; p1; p4; p5; p6
338      'print #2, "res", "H21", "H7", "res", "pt", "us", "ub"
339      'PRINT #2, l, p7, p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6
340      PRINT #2, l, p7, p1, p4, p5, p6
341      NEXT l 'end do next row
342      CLOSE #2
343      RETURN
344      valids:
345      PRINT " NOW DONE SUB"
346
347      SUB NORMAL (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())
348      seqmax = DUM(1): seqmin = DUM(1): SEQCLUM = DUM(1)' reset max and min and
349      average accumulators'
350      FOR i = 2 TO nlen' MAX AND MIN DETERMINATION  /*
351      IF seqmax < DUM(i) THEN seqmax = DUM(i)
352      IF seqmin > DUM(i) THEN seqmin = DUM(i)
353      SEQCLUM = SEQCLUM + DUM(i)
354      NEXT i
355      SEQAVG = SEQCLUM / nlen 'average
356      FOR i = 1 TO nlen
357      DUMN(i) = -6.5 + 9 * (DUM(i) - seqmin) / (seqmax - seqmin)
358      NEXT i
359
END SUB

```

```

360
361      SUB UN (ptseqn(), MOUTN(), AMPHICOUTN(), nlen, UNN())
362
363      FOR m = 1 TO nlen
364      UNN(m) = MOUTN(m) + AMPHICOUTN(m) + ptseqn(m)
365      NEXT m
366      END SUB

```

5        5.3. The Union Program

In preferred embodiments of the invention, the Union algorithm may be employed together with certain features of the Chou-Fasman-Prevelige, Kyte-Doolittle and PHD algorithms. This combination is referred to 10 herein as the UNION program, source code for which is set forth in 5.3.1., below. For purposes of formatting, in a few instances, where the material for one line of source code could not fit into the margins, it was slightly indented and moved to the next line.

15        For example, and not by way of limitation, the following method may be performed.

(1)        Values of  $U_x$ ,  $\mu_{\beta x}$  and  $\langle pt \rangle$  and the obtained values of  $U_{\beta x}$  may be calculated as set forth in the preceding section and their ranges scaled from -4.5 to 20 +4.5 (see example sections 6 and 7).

(2)        The Union algorithm may be used to mark the approximate location of the secondary structures. The  $U_{\alpha x}$  or the  $U_{\beta x}$  profiles give a graphic visualization of the  $U_{\alpha x}$  or  $U_{\beta x}$  values of the segments, respectively, 25 relative to a universal midline.

(3)        The  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure of the segments may be interpreted from the  $U_{\alpha x}$  or  $U_{\beta x}$  profiles so that the width of the peaks from either profile may be compared to the actual distance needed to bridge a membrane. 30 The segments, and thus the protein may be assigned an  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structure based on the length of peaks in the  $U_{\alpha x}$  and  $U_{\beta x}$  profiles and the predicted hydrophobicity of the segments.

(4)        The segments may be refined using the CFP 35 algorithm, as set forth in Prevelige and Fasman, 1989, in "Prediction of Protein Structure and the Principles

of Protein Conformation", Fasman, d., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 391-416, to calculate the values for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  average propensities for tetrapeptides.

5 (5) Data from the neural network program PHD (Rost and Sander, 1992, Nature 360: 540) may be added as separate profiles of the segments.

10 (6) The various plots obtained from the methods described in (1) - (5) may be combined in a single figure for the global picture of an individual protein. This step renders the data maximally informative and is specified by the UNION program, the source code of which is set forth in Section 5.3.1, below. The UNION program runs in the IBM DOS or Microsoft-DOS environments, using a columnar input ASCII file that includes: (1) the amino-acid sequence of the protein and (2) a corresponding sequence of literal secondary structural assignment codes for that amino acid sequence, either from the Brookhaven database for proteins with known structure, or derived from predictions for proteins of unknown secondary structure. The literal structure codes are converted into numbers and a columnar output file is generated. Figures for data analysis may be conveniently obtained by importing the UNION output into a graphics program: 20 25 "ORIGIN", MicroCal Software, Northampton, MA 01060.

For example, and not by way of limitation, the use of the UNION program to identify  $\beta$ -barrel structure in various proteins is set forth in section 7, below.

### 5.3.1. Source Code For The Union Program

```

/* PROGRAM UNION (for Union, and Chou-Fasman-Prevelige)
/* J. FISCHBARG, F. CZEGLEDY, P. ISEROVICH, J. LI; COPYRIGHT 1994 */
/* COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK
/* TO CALCULATE AVG. HYDROPHOBICITY, AMPHIPHILICITY AND TURN
   POTENTIAL
/* OUTPUT COLUMNS FOR SYMPHONY OR ORIGIN
/* please do not use word "UNION" in program (PB3 has command UNION)
   TAKES INPUT FROM DEFAULT TEXT FILE, NAMELY:
   DEFAULTS = path$ + "union.INI"
   TAKES SEQUENCE DATA FROM:
   fileinp$ = path$ + filein$ + ".sqt"
   TAKES STRUCTURE INFORMATION FROM SAME SQT INPUT FILE:
   either from crystallog. or from preds., e.g., from PHD robot prediction
   WRITES OUTPUT DATA TO:
   fileout$ = path$ + "\" + fileou$ + ".dat"
   Columnar output generated is:
   '1) res: residue number
   '2) aa: amino acid code
   '3) H21: Kyte-Doolittle hydrophobicity, span selected for large windows
   '(usually 21), assigned to center residue
   '4) H7: Kyte-Doolittle hydrophobicity, span selected for small windows
   '(usually 7), assigned to center residue
   '5) ua: Union for alpha structures, small window span (same as in H7)
   '6) ub: Union for beta, etc.
   '7) Pa: Chou-Fasman avg. alpha propensity for tetrapeptide (i,i+1,i+2,i+3)
   '8) am: marker for suprathreshold CF alpha (4.5 value for ease of plotting)
   '9) Pb: CF avg. beta propens. f tetrap.
   '10) bm: marker for suprath. CF beta (4.5)
   '11) pt: Chou-Fasman position-dependent tetrapeptide turn propensity
   '(ass. to second residue)
   '12) tm: marker for suprathreshold CF turn propensity (4.5)
   '13) prda: alpha prediction marker (3.5 value)
   '14) prdb: beta pred. marker (3.5)
   '15) prdt: turn pred. marker (3.5).

```

The last three lines merely represent the conversion of the information in the second line of the input file.

```
' /////////////////////////////////
```

```
$string 2
```

```
$static
```

```
cls
```

```
DECLARE SUB NORMAL (DUM!(), nlen%, DUMN!())
```

```
DECLARE SUB UN (ptseq!(), HOUT!(), AMPHIOUT!(), nlen%, UNN!())
```

```
'cls
```

-21-

```
common path$,filein$,fileinp$,nseq,houtsh(1),ptseq(1),ualpha(1),_
ubeta(1),hout(1)
DEFINT I-N
print "ENTER MAXIMUM SEQUENCE LENGTH TO DIMENSION ALL ARRAYS
      BY"
print "(preferably <2000; if more, might be limited by memory)"
PRINT " Default = carriage return = 1999"
input nseq
if nseq=0 then nseq=1999
naa = 20 'unless dealing with extraterrestrials...
NSEQ = 300 'maximum number of amino acids in sequence; sets array sizes
' program sensitive to this in the Power Basic environment
' however, if compiled, so far no limit encountered for the executable
DIM symbols$(naa)
DIM seqh(NSEQ)
DIM seqn(NSEQ)
DIM seq$(NSEQ)
DIM vkyte(naa)
DIM pturn(naa)
DIM hout(NSEQ)
DIM houtsh(NSEQ)
DIM amphi(nseq)
DIM amphiout(NSEQ)
DIM amphibeta(NSEQ)
DIM amphialpha(NSEQ)
DIM UALPHA(NSEQ)
DIM U(nseq)
DIM ubeta(NSEQ)
DIM DUM(NSEQ)
DIM DUMN(NSEQ)
DIM pai(naa)      'alpha propens. for individual amino acids
DIM pas(nseq)      'sequential indiv. alpha propens. along chain
DIM patetr(nseq)
DIM pam$(nseq)
DIM pbi(naa)      'beta propens. for individual amino acids
DIM pbs(nseq)      'sequential indiv. beta propens. along chain
DIM pbetr(nseq)
DIM pbm$(nseq)
DIM pt(naa, 4)
DIM PTSEQ(NSEQ)
DIM ptm$(nseq)
DIM phda$(nseq)
DIM phdb$(nseq)
DIM phdt$(nseq)
DIM temp$(nseq)
DIM apos$(nseq)
```

DIM aneg\$(nseq)  
 DIM aro\$(nseq)

comienzo:  
 aacodes\$ = "ARNDCQEGHILKMFPSTWYV"  
 alphacut = 100  
 betacut = 100  
 turncut = 0.75e-4  
 CLS  
 drive\$ = "c:"  
 path\$ = "\union"  
 DEFAULT\$ = drive\$ + path\$ + "\union.INI"  
 OPEN DEFAULT\$ FOR INPUT AS #5  
 INPUT #5, drive\$, path\$, filename\$, filename\$, angalpha, angbeta, WHEL, span  
 CLOSE #5  
 fileinp\$ = drive\$ + path\$ + "\filename\$ + ".sqt"  
 fileout\$ = drive\$ + path\$ + "\filename\$ + ".dat"  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Kyte-Doolittle scale  
 ' 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10  
 ' A, R, N, D, C, Q, E, G, H, I  
 DATA 1.8,-4.5,-3.5,-3.5,2.5,-3.5,-3.5,-0.4,-3.2,4.5  
 ' 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
 ' L, K, M, F, P, S, T, W, Y, V  
 DATA 3.8,-3.9,1.9,2.8,-1.6,-0.8,-0.7,-0.9,-1.3,4.2  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 'CHOU-FASMAN 64-protein database  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 DATA A,139, 79,0.060,0.076,0.035,0.058  
 DATA R,100, 94,0.070,0.106,0.099,0.085  
 DATA N, 78, 66,0.161,0.083,0.191,0.091  
 DATA D,106, 66,0.147,0.110,0.179,0.081  
 DATA C, 95,107,0.149,0.053,0.117,0.128  
 DATA Q,112,100,0.074,0.098,0.037,0.098  
 DATA E,144, 51,0.056,0.060,0.077,0.064  
 DATA G, 64, 87,0.102,0.085,0.190,0.152  
 DATA H,112, 83,0.140,0.047,0.093,0.054  
 DATA I, 99,157,0.043,0.034,0.013,0.056  
 DATA L,130,117,0.061,0.025,0.036,0.070  
 DATA K,121, 73,0.055,0.115,0.072,0.095  
 DATA M,132,101,0.068,0.082,0.014,0.055  
 DATA F,111,123,0.059,0.041,0.065,0.065  
 DATA P, 55, 62,0.102,0.301,0.034,0.068  
 DATA S, 72, 94,0.120,0.139,0.125,0.106  
 DATA T, 78,133,0.086,0.108,0.065,0.079

-23-

```
DATA W,103,124,0.077,0.013,0.064,0.167
DATA Y, 73,131,0.082,0.065,0.114,0.125
DATA V, 97,164,0.062,0.048,0.028,0.053

' /////////////////////////////////
CLS
'print "Free memory: ";fre(0); fre(-1); fre(-2)

PRINT "UNION ALGORITHM; J. Fischbarg, F. Czegledy, P. Iserovich, J. Li.
print" Set for sequence lengths up to " nseq
print"
START:
DUMMY = 0
PRINT " ENTER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING "
PRINT
PRINT "1. CHANGE FILE NAME FOR INPUT; currently: "; filein$ 
PRINT "2. CHANGE FILE NAME FOR OUTPUT; currently: "; fileout$ 
PRINT "2. CHANGE ANGLE FOR ALPHA/BETA STRUCTURES
(HYDROPHOBIC MOMENT)"
PRINT " ALPHA STRUCTURE= "; angalpha; "BETA STRUCTURE= "; angbeta
PRINT "3. CHANGE A.A. SPAN FOR MEMBRANE HELICES; currently: "; WHEL
PRINT "4. CHANGE A.A. SPAN FOR UNION; currently: "; span
PRINT "5. CHANGE PATH; CURRENTLY: " path$ 
print "6. CHANGE DRIVE; CURRENTLY: " drive$ 
PRINT "6. CHANGE WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION; currently: "; UW
PRINT "9. TO END SESSION WITHOUT RUNNING"
PRINT "0. (DEF=CR) MAIN - RUN WITH CURRENT PARAMETERS- RUNS ONLY
ONCE AND EXITS
print
PRINT ""
INPUT DUMMY
SELECT CASE DUMMY
CASE 1 : GOSUB FILENAMEINPUT
CASE 2 : GOSUB FILENAMEOUTPUT
CASE 2 : GOSUB MOMENTANGLE
CASE 3 : GOSUB ALPHAWINDOW
CASE 4 : GOSUB BETAWINDOW
CASE 5 : GOSUB NEWPATH
' TO COMIENZO 'road under repairs- monkeying with discouraged
CASE 6 : GOSUB UNNWINDOW
CASE 9 : GOTO salida
CASE 0 : GOTO correte
END SELECT
GOTO start

' ///////////////////////////////
```

-24-

```

producto:
c$ = " , "
OPEN fileout$ FOR OUTPUT AS #2
PRINT #2, "res" c$ "aa" c$ "H21" c$ "H7" c$ "ua" c$ "ub" c$ "Pa" c$_
"am" c$ "Pb" c$ "bm" c$ "pt" c$ "tm" c$ "prda" c$ "prdb" c$ "prdt" c$_
"pos" c$ "neg" c$ "aro" c$_
FOR I = 1 TO nlen
locate 16,1
PRINT "l= "; I; "; nlen= "; nlen
    hng = round(hout(I), 2)
    hsh = round(houtsh(I), 2)
    ua = round(ualpha(I), 2)
    ub = round(ubeta(I), 2)
    pa = round(patetr(I), 2)
    pb = round(pbtetr(I), 2)
    pt = round(ptseq(I), 2)
PRINT #2,I c$ seq$(I) c$ hng c$ hsh c$ ua c$ ub c$ pa c$ pam$(I)_
c$ pb c$ pbm$(I) c$ pt c$ ptm$(I) c$ phda$(I) c$ phdb$(I) c$ phdt$(I)_
c$ apos$(I) c$ aneg$(I) c$ aro$(I)
NEXT I
CLOSE #2
'and do next row
erase hout,houtsh,ualpha,ubeta,patetr,pbtetr,ptseq
return

'///////////
newpath:
print "Enter new path, e.g., C:\PROT\PRD(note no end \ or end space)"
input test$
if test$="" then goto newpath
path$ = test$
DEFAULT$ = drive$ + path$ + "\ + "union.INI"
fileinp$ = drive$ + path$ + "\ + filename$ + ".sqf"
fileout$ = drive$ + path$ + "\ + filename$ + ".dat"
return
'///////////
correto:      'main routine - records parameters and runs
cls
OPEN DEFAULT$ FOR OUTPUT AS #6
WRITE #6,drive$,path$,filename$,filename$,angalpha,angbeta,WHEL,span
CLOSE #6
GOSUB WORKING
PRINT
print "COMPLETED RUN SUCCESSFULLY - STOPPING NOW"
STOP 'With all the erase statements to save memory, cannot run again
'all key arrays erased by now

```

-25-

'GOTO start

'||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||

**FILENAMEINPUT:**

cls

chdrive drive\$

chdir path\$

files "\*.SQT"

files "\*.DAT"

LOCATE 20, 1

PRINT "ENTER FNAME (ONLY) FOR INPUT SEQ; PROG ADDS DEF FILE

TYPES .SQT &amp; .DAT"

INPUT filenames

fileinp\$ = drive\$ + path\$ + "\\" + filename\$ + ".sqt"

fileout\$ = drive\$ + path\$ + "\\" + filename\$ + ".dat"

RETURN

**MOMENTANGLE:**

PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR ALPHA STRUCTURES "

INPUT angalpha

PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR BETA STRUCTURES "

INPUT angbeta

RETURN

**ALPHAWINDOW:**PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR MEMBRANE HELICAL SPANS (ODD  
NUMBER)"

INPUT WHEL

RETURN

**BETAWINDOW:**

PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR UNION SPAN (ODD NUMBER)"

INPUT span

RETURN

**UNNWINDOW:**

PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION"

INPUT UW

RETURN

'||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||

**WORKING:**

print fre(0); fre(-1); fre(-2)

OPEN fileinp\$ FOR INPUT AS #1

INPUT #1, sequence\$

input #1, structure\$

-26-

```

CLOSE #1
FOR n = 1 TO 20
    READ vkyte(n)
    symbols$(n) = MIDS(aacodes$, n, 1)
NEXT n
FOR i = 1 TO 20
    READ symbols$(i),pai(i),pbi(i),pt(I,1),pt(i,2),pt(i,3),pt(i,4)
NEXT i
RESTORE

PRINT "..... WORKING....."      '////// ****
cfspan = 4      'prepare for Chou-Fasman-Prevelige tetrapeptides
nlen = LEN(sequence$)
FOR n = 1 TO nlen
    seq$(n) = MIDS(sequence$, n, 1)  'list of aa codes
NEXT n
FOR I = 1 TO nlen  'from 1 to length of sequence */
    FOR k = 1 TO 20
        IF seq$(I) = symbols$(k) THEN 'identify ordinal FOR aa */
            seqh(I) = vkyte(k)  'assign hydrophobicity value to residue*/
            seqn(I) = k        'assign residue name number*/
            pas(i) = pai(k)    'assign alpha propensity
            pbs(i) = pbi(k)    'assign beta propensity
            exit for           'done here; leave for/next loop
        END IF
        NEXT k
    NEXT I

FOR n = 2 TO (nlen - 2)
    PTSEQ(n)=pt(seqn(n-1),1)*pt(seqn(n),2)*pt(seqn(n+1),3)*pt(seqn(n+2),4)
NEXT n
erase seqn
PTSEQ(1) = PTSEQ(2)
PTSEQ(nlen) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
PTSEQ(nlen - 1) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
for i=1 to nlen
if ptseq(i) >= turncut then
    for ind = 0 to 3
        ptm$(i + ind) = "4.5 " : next ind : goto cortada
    end if
if ptseq(i) < turncut then
    if ptm$(i) = "4.5 " then goto cortada
    else
        ptm$(i) = " "
    end if

```

-27-

```

cortada:
next i
CALL NORMAL(PTSEQ(), nlen, ptseq0)

***** /////////////// *****

' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR MEMBRANE HELICES *
FLAG = 1 ' calculate hydrophobicity* /
j = WHEL      ' window
GOSUB MAIN    ' and we will get hout(m)
CALL NORMAL(hout(), nlen, hout0) 'and we will get hout long* /

***** /////////////// *****

' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR SHORT SPAN
FLAG = 2 ' calculate hydrophobicity* /
j = span      ' window
GOSUB MAIN    ' and we will get houtsh(m)
CALL NORMAL(houtsh(), nlen, houtsh0) 'and we will get hout short* /
***** /////////////// *****

' CALCULATION OF TETRAPEPTIDE PROPENSITIES
j = cfspan
for i=1 to nlen-3
  patetr(i) = ( pas(i) + pas(i+1) + pas(i+2) + pas(i+3) )/cfspan
  pbtetr(i) = ( pbs(i) + pbs(i+1) + pbs(i+2) + pbs(i+3) )/cfspan
  if patetr(i) >= alphacut then
    pam$(i) = "4.5 "
  else
    pam$(i) = " "
  end if
  if pbtetr(i) >= betacut then
    pbm$(i) = "4.5 "
  else
    pbm$(i) = " "
  end if
  next i
  erase pas, pbs
  for j= 2 to 0 step -1          'approximate bottom ends
    patetr(nlen-j) = patetr(nlen-3)
    pbtetr(nlen-j) = pbtetr(nlen-3)
  next j

CALL NORMALPA(patetr(), nlen, patetr0 )
CALL NORMALPB(pbtetr(), nlen, pbtetr0 )

```

-28-

```

    ' calculation alpha moment*/
FLAG = 0 'selects amphiout output
j = span
ANGLE = angalpha
GOSUB MAIN      'gets amphiout(m)/*
CALL NORMAL(amphiout(), nlen, amphialpha())'gets amphialpha*/
***** //////////////***** */
' calculation beta moment*/
FLAG = 0 'selects amphiout output
j = span
ANGLE = angbeta
GOSUB MAIN      'gets amphiout(m)/*
CALL NORMAL(amphiout(), nlen, amphibeta()) 'gets amphibeta
erase amphiout
***** //////////////***** */

'calculate union alpha
CALL UN(ptseq(), houtsh(), amphialpha(), nlen, ualpha())
erase amphialpha
CALL NORMAL(ualpha(), nlen, ualpha())
'calculate union beta
CALL UN(ptseq(), houtsh(), amphibeta(), nlen, ubeta())
erase amphibeta
CALL NORMAL(ubeta(), nlen, ubeta())
erase amphi
erase seqh
***** //////////////***** */
' //////////////// */
' PROCESS STRUCTURE STRING (PREDICTIONS OR CRYSTALLOG.)
alfam$ = "3.5 " : betam$ = "3.5 " : turnm$ = "3.5 "
posm$ = "2.5 " : negm$ = "2.0 " : arom$ = "5.5 "
FOR n = 1 TO nlen
temp$(n) = MID$(structure$, n, 1) 'list of structure codes
NEXT n
for i=1 to nlen
if temp$(i) = "H" then
    phda$(i) = alfam$ : phdb$(i) = " " : phdt$(i) = " "
end if
if temp$(i) = "E" then
    phda$(i) = " " : phdb$(i) = betam$ : phdt$(i) = " "
end if
if temp$(i) = "C" then

```

-29-

```

phda$(i) = " " : phdb$(i) = " " : phdt$(i) = " "
end if
if temp$(i) = "T" then
    phda$(i) = " " : phdb$(i) = " " : phdt$(i) = turnm$
end if
if seq$(i) = "F" or seq$(i) = "Y" or seq$(i) = "W" then
    aro$(i) = arom$
else
    aro$(i) = " "
end if
if seq$(i) = "E" or seq$(i) = "D" then
    aneg$(i) = negm$
else
    aneg$(i) = " "
end if
if seq$(i) = "R" or seq$(i) = "K" then
    apos$(i) = posm$
else
    apos$(i) = " "
end if

next i
close #4
erase temp$
GOSUB producto
return

```

```

' /////////////////////////////////
MAIN: 'window size j is already defined
IF j > 1 THEN
***** STARTING SEGMENT
    FOR m = 1 TO (j - 1) / 2 '1 to 10
        LB = 1      'LOW BOUNDARY
        UB = m + (j - 1) / 2 'upper BOUNDARY m+10
        GOSUB CALCULATION
        NEXT m
***** MAIN CENTER SEGMENT '11 to nlen - 10
    FOR m = (j + 1) / 2 TO (nlen - (j - 1) / 2) 'm center of the w
        LB = m - (j - 1) / 2 'm-10
        UB = m + (j - 1) / 2 'm+10
        GOSUB CALCULATION
        NEXT m
***** ** END SEGMENT      'nlen-9 to nlen
    FOR m = (1 + nlen - (j - 1) / 2) TO nlen 'm ctr of window /

```

-30-

```

LB = m - (j - 1) / 2 'low BOUNDARY m-10
UB = nlen
GOSUB CALCULATION
NEXT m
END IF
RETURN
' /////////////////////////////////

```

## CALCULATION:

```

IF FLAG = 1 THEN      ' calculate hydrophobicity of std. tm. segmnts. */
cumh = 0: cum = 0    ' reset hydrophobicity accumulators */

```

```

FOR I = LB TO UB      'loop on i through all res. in window */
cumh = seqh(I) + cumh
cum = cum + 1
hout(m) = cumh / cum      ' compute hydrophobicity average *
NEXT I

```

```

ELSEIF FLAG = 2 THEN  ' calculate hydrophobicity of short tm. segmnts. */
cumh = 0: cum = 0      ' reset hydrophobicity accumulators */

```

```

FOR I = LB TO UB      'loop on i through all res. in window */
cumh = seqh(I) + cumh
cum = cum + 1
houtsh(m) = cumh / cum      ' compute hydrophobicity average *
NEXT I

```

```

ELSEIF FLAG = 0 THEN      ' calc. hydrophobic moment */

```

```

t = 0 : acum = 0 : Mx = 0! : My = 0!  'reset amphi accumulators'
FOR I = LB TO UB      'loop on i through all res. in window '
x = COS(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (I - LB) / 360)  'Eisenberg
y = SIN(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (I - LB) / 360)
Mx = Mx + (x * seqh(I))
My = My + (y * seqh(I))
acum = acum + 1
NEXT I
amphiout(m) = SQR(Mx ^ 2 + My ^ 2)

```

```

END IF

```

```

RETURN

```

```
***** * * * * *****
```

salida:  
**PRINT "### DONE ###"**  
**stop**  
**end**

```
*****
```

**SUB NORMAL (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())**

```
ytop#=DUM(1);ybot#=DUM(1);yCUM#=DUM(1)' reset max, min & avg accumulators*/  

FOR I = 2 TO nlen 'MAX AND MIN DETERMINATION */  

    IF DUM(I) > ytop# THEN  

        ytop# = DUM(I)  

        yhord = i  

    end if  

    IF DUM(I) < ybot# THEN  

        ybot# = DUM(I)  

        ylord=i  

    end if  

    yCUM# = yCUM# + DUM(I)  

NEXT I  

yAVeraG = yCUM# / nlen 'average  

FOR I = 1 TO nlen  

'print DUM(I)  

'print (DUM(I) - ybot#);(ytop# - ybot#);(DUM(I) - ybot#)/ (ytop# - ybot#)  

    DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - ybot#) / (ytop# - ybot#)  

NEXT I
```

**END SUB**

```
*****
```

**SUB UN (ptseq(), HOUTsh(), AMPHI(), nlen, U())**

```
FOR m = 1 TO nlen  

    U(m) = HOUTsh(m) + AMPHI(m) - ptseq(m)  

NEXT m  

END SUB
```

```
*****
```

**SUB NORMALPA (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())**

```
deltalpha# = 75
lalpha# = 64
FOR I = 1 TO NLEN
  DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - lalpha#) / (deltalpha#)
NEXT I
```

```
END SUB
```

```
*****  
SUB NORMALPB (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())
```

```
deltabeta# = 106
lbeta# = 51
FOR I = 1 TO NLEN
  DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - lbeta#) / (deltabeta#)
NEXT I
```

```
END SUB
```

#### 5.4. The Utility Of The Invention

The present invention provides for a method of predicting the structure of membrane proteins, which may be used in the following non-limiting embodiments.

5 In preferred embodiments, the method of the invention may be used to identify  $\beta$ -barrel structures in membrane proteins. The identification of  $\beta$ -barrel structure may be consistent with the function of the membrane protein as a translocator. As such, the 10 present invention may be used to discern the function of membrane proteins, the function of which has been hitherto unknown.

Further, the identification of  $\beta$ -barrel structure in a protein may lead to the identification of 15 molecules that can be transported by the protein. For example, the identification of a structure similar to members of the GLUT family of proteins in a particular protein would suggest that the protein may be able to translocate compounds similar to hexose compounds 20 through a cell membrane containing that protein. Such an analysis may aid in the rational design of pharmaceutical agents that could be used to access a cell expressing the protein in its membrane.

In further embodiments, the present invention may 25 be used to design or identify compounds able to be transported by animal or plant aquaporins (Chrispels and Agre, TIBS, 1994, : 421-425). In the case of animal aquaporins, the channel forming integral protein (CHIP), abundant in certain plasma membranes, and other 30 homologs suggest that some of these proteins may be involved in clinical syndromes. Plant aquaporins like Tonoplast intrinsic protein ( $\gamma$ -TIP) can be used to study the role of these molecules in the water economy of plants, as well as to create transgenic plants that 35 express these proteins from tissue specific promoters. Drought-resistance and hardiness in crop plants may be

correlated with the presence and activity of these proteins. The present invention can be used to address the current problems present in analyzing and manipulating the molecular structure and function of 5 this family of membrane proteins.

In still further embodiments, the present invention may be used to engineer proteins having useful  $\beta$ -barrel structures. For example, the ability of a number of aquaporin proteins may be compared, and 10 the particular protein having the most favorable transport capability may be identified. The method of the present invention may then be used to analyze its structure, and the secondary structures of other membrane proteins may be manipulated to resemble the 15 structural characteristics of the designated aquaporin.

6. EXAMPLE: EVIDENCE THAT FACILITATIVE GLUCOSE TRANSPORTERS MAY FOLD AS B-BARRELS

20 6.1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Antibody Studies.** We raised three polyclonal antibodies ("Abs") in rabbits and used the IgG fractions. They were Ab-1, against the last 21 C-terminal amino acids of the GLUT1 protein; Ab-4 against 25 the last 25 C-terminal amino acids of the GLUT4 protein (Ab-1 specifically reacted with GLUT1 but not with GLUT2 or GLUT4, and Ab-4 reacted with GLUT4 but not with GLUT1 or GLUT2 as assessed by immunoprecipitation and immunoblotting; and Ab-c raised against a synthetic peptide containing the sequence Ile-386-Ala-405 in GLUT1, a sequence that is highly conserved in all 30 members of the GLUT family. Ab-c reacted with the GLUT1, GLUT2 and GLUT4 isoforms of mammalian facilitative transporters as assessed by immunoprecipitation and immunoblotting and the r activity was specifically blocked by competition with an exc ss of the peptide used to generate the Ab but 35

not by an unrelated protein. For the experiments all Abs were suspended at a final concentration of 100  $\mu$ g of IgG per ml in modified (Vera et al., 1990, Mol. Cell Biol., 10:743-751) Barth's solution (MBS).

5        *Xenopus laevis* oocytes were isolated as described (Vera et al., 1990, Mol. Cell Biol., 10:743-751) and injected with 50 nl of water containing 10-20 ng of *in vitro* synthesized capped RNA (Vera, *supra.*) encoding either GLUT1, GLUT2, or GLUT4, and incubated in MBS.

10      Three days after RNA injection, uptake of 2-deoxy-[1.2(n)- $^3$ H]D-glucose ( $^3$ H-DOG) was measured using a 10-min uptake assay (Vera, *supra.*). Oocytes were placed into 1 ml of MBS containing 0.5 mM DOG and 1-5  $\mu$ Ci of  $^3$ H-DOG per ml (10 Ci/mmol: 1 Ci=37 GBq:NEN/DuPont).

15      Ten pooled oocytes yielded an uptake value; values were consistent within a given batch of oocytes.

Alignments: We used the BESTFIT and PILEUP routines of the GCG (Genetics Computer Group; Version 7.0) program package, with gap weight = 3.0 and length 20 weight = 0.1 (Needleman et al., 1970, J. Mol. Biol., 48:443-453). We aligned the sequences of *Rhodobacter capsulatus poria* (SEQ ID NO:2; Weiss et al., 1991, FEBS Lett., 280:379-382), *Escherichia coli* porin (SEQ ID NO:1; Sw; Ompf-Ecoli), and GLUT1 (SEQ ID NO:3; Sw:Gtr1-Human).

Predictions. We developed an algorithm ("Union") to predict protein segments with relatively high hydrophobicity and propensity to form amphiphilic  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structures. For a residue span length  $i$ , Union ( $U$ ) 30 is:  $U_{i,1}=H_i-\mu_{i,i}-(pt)$  (Equation 1).

Depending on the structure for which  $U$  is calculated, the subindex  $i$  stands for either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ .  $H_i$  is the average hydrophobicity for a span of  $i$  residues using the Kyte-Doolittle scale (Kyte, et al., 1982, J. Mol. Biol., 157:105-132):  $\mu_{i,i}$  is the hydrophobic moment (Eisenberg et al., 1984, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.

U.S.A., 81:140-144; span i) for either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structures: the angles between a residue and the next for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  structures were  $100^\circ$  and  $160^\circ$ , respectively, using standard values for  $\alpha$ -helices and

5 the generic twist of  $\beta$ -sheets.  $H_i$  and  $\mu_{1i}$  values were assigned to the center residue of given odd-valued spans.  $\langle pt \rangle$  is the position-dependent turn propensity (Prevelige, and Fasman, 1989, in "Prediction of Protein Structure and the Principles of Protein Conformation",

10 Fasman, ed., Plenum Press, New York, pp. 391-416; assigned to residue 2 in the 4-point turn). We calculated values of  $H_i$ ,  $\mu_{1i}$ , and  $\langle pt \rangle$  for a given sequence and scaled their ranges to -4.5 to +4.5 in each case. After algebraic addition (Eq. 1), the  $U_{1i}$  values obtained were in turn rescaled to -4.5 to +4.5.

15 We used union profiles to mark the approximate locations of secondary structures. Segments were then refined by using (i) the Chou-Fasman-Prevelige prediction method (CFP), which requires judgments by

20 the operator, and (ii) the results from a neural network prediction program [PHD: profile neural network prediction, Heidelberg; Rost and Sander 1992, Nature, 360:540)], which runs unbiased, without human intervention. We found it convenient to display propensity

25 profiles using the program PSAAM (Crofts, A.R., 1992, Ph.D. Dissertation (University of Illinois, Unknown)). Three-dimensional modeling was done in the Insight and Discover graphical environments. (Biosym Technologies, San Diego).

30

#### 6.2. Results And Discussion

Effect of Abs in the Function of Mammalian Hx se Transport is Expressed in *X. laevis* Oocyt s. Th highly conserved s quence (Ile-386-Ala-405 in GLUT1) is

35 predict d to be intracellular in th 12H m del (Mueckler et al., 1985, Science, 229:941-945), which

locates it between its putative tm regions 10 and 11. Given the evidence for an important functional role for the region between tm domains 4 and 12 in GLUT1 (Carruthers, 1990, *Physiol. Rev.*, 70:1135-1175), we 5 reasoned that an Ab against that conserved sequence might elicit inhibition or activation of the transporter. After verifying its reactivity, we used *X. laevis* oocytes expressing different members of the mammalian GLUT family to study the effect of this anti-peptide Ab on the uptake of DOG. Incubation with Ab for 1 hour induced a measurable increase in the ability 10 of oocytes expressing any of the three mammalian transporters tested, namely GLUT1 (Fig. 1A. c), GLUT2 (Fig. 1B. c), and GLUT 4 (Fig. 1C,c) to take up DOG. 15 The Ab, however, acted only when present in the extracellular medium (Fig. 1A-C, c). No effect on uptake was observed when the Ab was injected into the oocytes 1 hr before the uptake measurements (Fig. 1A-C). The effect of Ab was dose dependent (Fig. 1D) and 20 was specifically blocked by competition with excess peptide during the incubation period (Fig. 1E). The effect of the Ab on DOG uptake was evident after a short incubation period; near-maximal levels of activation were reached in  $\approx$ 30 min (Fig. 1F). 25 Incubation for several hours induced an additional increase in uptake (Fig. 1F).

To determine whether the GLUTs were expressed with the correct orientation in the membrane of the oocytes, we tested the effect of two other anti-peptide Abs we 30 elicited against the C-terminal regions of GLUT1 and GLUT4. It was known from previous studies that this region of the transporters is located intracellularly (Oka et al., 1990, *Natur* , 345:550-553). As expected, the Abs did not affect the capacity of the oocytes to 35 take up DOG when added extracellularly (Fig. 1 A-C) but caused a specific and measurable increase in the

ability of oocytes expressing GLUT1 or GLUT4 (but not GLUT2), to take up DOG when injected intracellularly (Fig. 1 A-C). These observations are consistent with previous indicates that the C-terminal region is 5 central to the function of the transporter (Oka, supra).

Since both the Ab (Ab-c) and insulin (Vera, et al., 1990, Mol. Cell Biol., 10:743-751) increase DOG uptake in oocytes, we investigated whether Ab could act 10 by mimicking insulin rather than by specifically binding to GLUTs. The results in Fig. 1 G-I suggest instead that the Ab and insulin have different mechanisms of action. Incubation of the oocytes with insulin did not affect the  $K_m$  of the transporters for 15 DOG, increasing instead the  $V_{max}$  (Fig. 1H and I; Table 1). This is inconsistent with insulin inducing the translocation of transporters to the cell membrane. On the other hand, the Ab induced a measurable decrease in 20 the  $K_m$  for DOG in oocytes expressing either GLUT1 or GLUT4 without changing the  $V_{max}$  (Fig. 1 H and I; Table 1). The short-term effect of the Ab on uptake (Fig. 1F) can be accounted for by an increased affinity of 25 the transporters for DOG. The additional increase in uptake observed after long incubation periods with the Ab (Fig. 1F) may be due to the entrapment of the transporters at the level of the cell membrane.

Table 1 Effects of insulin and Ab on  $V_{max}$  and  $K_m$  values

30	Complementary RNA	GLUT1 (from Fig. 1H)	$V_{max} \pm SE$		$K_m \pm SE$ mM
			pmol per oocyte per min	pmol per oocyte per min	
35	GLUT 4 (from Fig. 1M)	Control	109 $\pm$ 23		8.6 $\pm$ 3.2
		Antibody	90 $\pm$ 2		2.8 $\pm$ 0.2
		Insulin	163 $\pm$ 22		6.1 $\pm$ 1.7
		Control	76 $\pm$ 10		8.0 $\pm$ 1.9
		Antibody	60 $\pm$ 2		2.7 $\pm$ 0.2
		Insulin	119 $\pm$ 9		7.8 $\pm$ 1.1

Additional evidence for the different modes of action of the Ab and insulin came from experiments in which oocytes were first treated with insulin and then with the Ab and vice versa. Under the first condition, 5 the Ab induced a further 2-fold increase in uptake in oocytes pretreated with insulin (for a total 4-fold increase; Fig. 1G). Quantitatively, this result is consistent with the effect of the Ab on the affinity of the transporter for DOG. On the other hand, insulin 10 did not affect the uptake of DOG in oocytes previously treated with the Ab (Fig. 1G). One explanation for this finding is that the binding of the Ab to the transporter may "anchor" it to the plasma membrane and disrupt the dynamic equilibrium that allows insulin to 15 modify the ratio of transporters located intracellularly versus those located at the plasma membrane.

The topology induced for the Ab findings 20 promises 12H. A possible explanation for the effect of Ab recognition of the sequence Phe-389-Ala-403 in terms of the 12H model is to argue that perhaps  $\alpha$ -helices 10 and 11 are in a highly mobile segment of the protein, leading to the exposure of the internal loop between them to the extracellular medium. There is an  $\alpha$ -helical membrane protein, colicin, which appears to 25 externalize some of its  $\alpha$ -helices during large scale conformational changes (Parker et al., 1992, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 224:639-657). Externalization, however, shuts off the colicin channel, while in the present case 30 uptake by GLUTs is enhanced by the Ab-C, militating against a colicin-type mechanism. Moreover, the Ab-C had no effect when injected intracellularly, further 35 evidence against the intracellular location of Phe-389-Ala-403. The simplest explanation for our findings is that the loop comprising the segment Phe-389-Ala-403 is normally located on the extracellular side of the

membran , suggesting a t p l gy inconsist nt with the 12H model. If GLUTs are multihelical, with tm helices ≈20 residues long, and if putative helices 11 and 12 exist, then the converged loop could only be 5 intracellular, being separated from the intracellular C-terminal loop by the hairpin of these two helices (see Fig. 4).

**An alternative scheme: GLUT1 and the Porins.**  
Given the foregoing, we searched for an alternative 10 secondary structure for the transporter. We considered the structures of those few membrane proteins that have been solved by crystallography so far, and we came upon porins. In contrast to  $\alpha$ -helical membrane proteins crystallized earlier, porin monomers form 16-stranded 15 antiparallel  $\beta$ Bs (Weiss et al., 1991, FEBS Lett., 280:379-382; Cowan et al., 1992, *Nature*, 358:727-733). When we aligned (Fig. 2) the sequences of *R. capsulatus* porin (POR; SEQ ID NO:2), *E. coli* porin (OmpF; SEQ ID NO:1), and GLUT1 (SEQ ID NO:3) (using BESTFIT), we 20 found pairwise scores for identity and similarity as follows: POR-OmpF 20.0 and 45.7: POR-GLUT1, 19.9 and 46.6: OmpF-GLUT1, 18.2 AND 42.9. Porins in general show little overall primary sequence similarity (Welte et al., 1991, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*, 1080:271-274). 25 In particular, although the secondary structures of POR and OmpF are the same, the scores for the alignment are modest. The alignments of GLUT1 with the porins, however, elicit about the same scores as the alignment of the two porins. Hence, we set out to evaluate a 30 possible porin-fold for GLUT1.

**Prediction of Multiple tm  $\beta$ -Strands in Porins.**  
From exploratory work, we chose a span of 7 residues to examine POR, OmpF and GLUT1 pr files. W found that the union  $\beta$ 7 ( $U_{\beta7}$ ) peaks identified the approximate 35 location and length of the  $\beta$ -strands in both porins (Fig. 3). The thresholds in Fig. 3 (1.83 for POR: 2.15

for OmpF) were selected so as not to miss any strand; they result in only minimal overprediction. Segments were then refined by the CFP procedure. In comparing the porin structures thus predicted with those known from x-ray crystallography (Weiss et al., 1991, FEBS Lett., 280:379-382; Cowan et al., 1992, *Nature*, 358:727-733), we found success rates [Q3 (Qan, 1988, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 202:865-884)] of 0.70 and 0.75 for POR and OmpF, respectively. The correlation coefficients (Mathews, 1975, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*, 405:442-451) for our predictions were as follows -- for POR:  $\alpha$  0.56;  $\beta$  0.70; turns. 0.28; random. 0.48; for OmpF:  $\alpha$  0.25;  $\beta$  0.64; turns. 0.30; random 0.44. The PHD method (available only for OmpF) predicted regions with secondary structure similar to ours Q3 = 0.68).

**Prediction of Multiple tm  $\beta$ -Strands in GLUT1.** We identified 16 predicted tm  $\beta$ -strands in GLUT1 (Fig. 4). All were in segments that had been allocated as tm helices in the 12H model (Fig. 2). Using only  $H_{21}$  profiles, several of the peaks seen (Fig. 2) appeared wide enough to be interpretable as tm  $\alpha$ -helices with spans of 21 residues (Mueckler et al., 1985, *Science*, 229:941-945). However, four of them (arrows in Fig. 4) were split by predicted turns. The resulting segments were too short to bridge the membrane as  $\alpha$ -helices but had the correct length for tm  $\beta$ -strands. We termed such patterns " $\beta$ -hairpin signatures." Similarly, in the remaining 8 segments previously predicted as 20-residue helices (Fig. 2) we predicted tm  $\beta$ -strands approximately 10 residues long, with the rest of the residues sometimes forming short helices. Our predictions for the location and length of segments with secondary structure are in reasonable agreement with those from the PHD program (Fig. 2).

Given these predictions, we re-examined the alignment of the sequences of POR, OmpF, and GLUT1. We

verified that segments known to have secondary structure in one or both porins aligned well with segments for which we predicted secondary structure in GLUT1 (Fig. 2). Eleven of the 16 predicted  $\beta$ -strands in GLUT1 overlapped partially with  $\beta$ -strands in porins. The paucity of gaps in these regions with conserved secondary structure is noteworthy. Some of the remaining  $\beta$ -strands in the porins correspond to segments predicted as helices in GLUT1 and vice versa.

5 The alignment in Fig. 2 comprised about the last 400 residues in GLUT1; based on additional alignments, the N-terminal region of GLUT1 might have originated in partial duplication of a porin gene. In addition, there is a high degree of sequence conservation among

10 members of the GLUT family, and hence a multi  $\beta$ -strand motif may be applicable to all of them.

15

Three-dimensional Model of the  $\beta$ B in GLUT1. The predictions above suggested to us that GLUT1 might fold as the porins, forming a  $\beta$ B. To visualize whether such 20 an idealized construct was compatible with GLUT function, we built a three-dimensional model of the putative GLUT1  $\beta$ B, with the more hydrophilic sides of the tm  $\beta$ -strands facing the barrel pore. To ensure that there were no bad Van der Waals contacts, limited 25 energy minimization was performed (300 iterations, conjugate descent algorithm. DISCOVER program). Fig. 5 shows an end-view photograph of the barrel (from inside the cell) including  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranose in its lumen. The Van der Waals inside diameter of the barrel, while 30 irregular, was at least 11A which is more than enough to allow hydrated hexoses to pass through the channel.

35 Prior evidence consistent with a  $\beta$ B fold. The 2-N-[4-(1-azido-2, 2, 2-trifluoroethyl)benzoyl]-1,3-bis-(D-mannos-4-yloxy)-2-propylamine (ATB-BMPA) binding site. Peptide 217-272 appears intracellular, since a specific Ab binds to it only when the cell membrane is

permabilized (Davis et al., 1990, *Biochem. J.*, 266:799-808) This segment is very hydrophilic so that the more hydrophobic tm segment that follows it is likely to begin only at or near residue 273 (in either 5 the 12H,  $\beta$ B, or PHD predictions: Fig. 2). The next marker along the chain is residue 282, which has been recently placed extracellularly, since mutation of it (Gln $\rightarrow$ Leu) decreases ATB-BMPA exofacial binding by 95% (Hashiramoto et al., 1992, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 267:17502-10 17507). Hence, segment 273-281 likely spans the membrane: this segment (9 residues) is too short to be a tm  $\alpha$ -helix (Chin, et al., 1987, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 261:7101-7104) residues but has the correct length for 15 a tm  $\beta$ -strand (strand 9, residues 271-280, Figs. 4 and 6). In the 12H model, residue 282 was placed at the center of tm  $\alpha$ -helix 7, where it would be inaccessible to ATB-BMPA. In the  $\beta$ B model, residue 282 is instead in an extracellular connecting loop.

The proportions of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  structures in GLUT 20 based on CD and FTIR spectroscopy. This issue is unsettled. From FTIR spectroscopic evidence, it was concluded that GLUT1 displays distinct vibrations for  $\alpha$ -helical structure while those for  $\beta$ -structure are absent (Chin, *supra*.). This was partly challenged by a 25 later FTIR study, which also found GLUT1 to be predominantly  $\alpha$ -helical but in addition found evidence strongly suggesting the presence of some  $\beta$ -structure, with a portion of it forming antiparallel strands (Alvarez et al., 1987, *J. Biol. Chem.*, 262:3502-3509). 30 Interpretations of CD evidence also appear divided. In one case, CD was said to indicate the presence in GLUT1 of some 82%  $\alpha$ -helices, 10%  $\beta$ -turns and 8% random structure, with no  $\beta$ -strands. (Chin et al., 1987, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 84:4113-4116). However, 35 more recently, use of an algorithm (Perezel et al., 1991, *Protein Eng.*, 4:669-679) to analyze CD data led

to predictions (Park et al., 1992, *Protein Sci.*, **1**:1032-1049) of  $\beta$ -structure in GLUT1, POR and OmpF, among other membrane proteins. Our assignments for GLUT1 structure are in line with the more recent FTIR 5 and CD studies (Alvarez et al., supra; Park et al., supra).

Solvent accessibility of the GLUT backbone is better explained by the  $\beta$ B model. Others and ourselves have reported evidence for the existence of a water-10 filled pore across GLUTs (Alvarez et al., 1987, *J. Biol. Chem.*, **262**:3502-3509; Jung et al., 1986, *J. Biol. Chem.*, **261**:9155-9160; Fischbarg et al., 1990, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.*, **87**:3244-3247). Such an open pathway would have to coexist with an apparent 15 enzyme-type tight-fitting structure, since GLUTs display steric selectivity for substrates. This apparent contradiction may be resolved by noting that the water permeability of GLUTs (Fischbarg et al., 1993, *Alfred Benzon Symp.*, **34**:432-446) is only some 7% that 20 of specific water channels (Preston et al., 1992, *Science*, **256**:385-387), as if water traverses an open pathway through GLUTs only during part of a cycle of conformational changes. Both the 12H and  $\beta$ B models imply a hydrophilic pore in GLUT. On the basis of 25 hydrogen-deuterium exchange, however,  $\approx$ 90% of the GLUT1 amine protons are exchanged almost immediately (Alvarez et al., supra; Hans et al., 1992, *Trends Biochem. Sci.*, **17**:328-333). These exchange data can be explained more readily if GLUT1 is a  $\beta$ B with a solvent-30 filled pore, as in that case most backbone amine hydrogens lining the pore and forming connecting loops would be accessible to solvent.

*GLUT1 as a multifunctional  $\beta$ B transporter.* From recent evidence, compounds other than sugars such as 35 water (Fischbarg et al., 1990, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, **87**:3244-3247; Zhang et al., 1991, *J. Clin.*

Invest., 88:1553-1558), nicotinamide (S fue et al., 1992, Biochem. J., 288:669-674), and dehydroascobic acid (Vera et al., 1993, Nature, 364:79-82) traverse GLUTs, suggesting that GLUTs are multifunctional (Sofue et al., supra). Since a barrel framework is essentially fixed, as argued for porins, the GLUT1 connecting loops might operate as molecular gates and might also be involved in binding solutes and discriminating among them. The putative long intracellular GLUT1 loop (residues 204-270) may be an example, since glucose binding to the loop induces a conformational change in it (Asano et al., 1992, FEBS. Lett., 298:129-132) and antibodies against the peptide Asn-217-I13-272 inhibit the binding of cytochalasin B to the protein). This loop may also have a binding site for ATP (Lys-225-Lys-229) (Carruthers et al., 1989, Biochemistry, 28:8337-8346) and protein kinase C phosphorylation sites (Ser-226, Ser-245) (Deziel et al., 1989, Int. J. Biochem., 21:807-814), all with potential functional roles. Lastly, all three antibodies we tested bind to putative mobile loops and enhance DOG uptake. The topology we propose is summarized in Fig. 6.

25 7. Example: Further Proteins Shown  
To Include Beta-barrel Structure

7.1. Materials And Methods

We obtained from databases (Swissprot, Protein Information Resource) the sequences of:  
30 sw:p06009 Reaction center protein L chain (RCL).  
sw:p02945 Bacteriorhodopsin precursor (BR)  
sw:p04480 Colicin A (COLA).  
pir3:s16070, Rhodobacter capsulatus porin (POR);  
35 SEQ ID NO:2).  
sw:p02931 Escherichia coli porin (Ompf; SEQ ID NO:1).

sw:p11166 Glucose transporter type 1 (GLUT1; SEQ ID NO:3), erythrocyte/brain.  
sw:p29972 Water channel protein for red blood cells and kidney proximal tubule (CHIP28).  
5 sw:p02710 Acetylcholine receptor protein, alpha chain precursor  
sw:p02920 Lactose permease  
sw:p13866 Sodium/glucose cotransporter  
sw:p08513 Potassium channel protein, larval  
10 (shaker-epsilon)  
sw:p16614 Calcium-transporting ATPase sarcoplasmic reticulum type  
sw:p20648 Potassium-transporting ATPase alpha chain (proton pump, gastric H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase).  
15 (accession codes are given in parenthesis).

**Predictions.** Several algorithms were used. For hydropathy analysis, we calculated the average hydrophobicity  $H_i$  for a span of  $i$  residues using the 20 Kyte-Doolittle (KD) scale (Kyte and Doolittle, 1982, J. Mol. Biol., 157:105-132). We used spans of 21 and 7 residues. A span of 21 residues is appropriate because membrane spanning  $\alpha$ -helices are of this or similar lengths. On the other hand, a shorter span can uncover 25 trends in the hydrophobicity profile that the larger span might average out. We decided on 7 residues as the shortest span to give a representative picture of a local neighborhood in a chain without giving rise to excessive "noise". We also used the Union algorithm, 30 described above, to predict protein segments expected to be transmembrane, namely, having relatively high hydrophobicity and propensity to form amphiphilic  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  structures.

35 We also employed the Ch u-Fasman predictit n method as implemented in the Chou-Fasman-Prevelig (CFP) algorithm (Prevelige et al., "Ch u-Fasman prediction of

the secondary structure of proteins: Chou-Fasman-Prevelige algorithm. In: G.D. Fasman (eds). *Prediction of protein structure and the principles of protein conformation*, Plenum Press, New York, New York, pp. 5 391-416 (1989)). Our figures showed  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  average propensities calculated for tetrapeptides and assigned to the first residue, following the CFP procedure. Where these propensities equal or surpass the CF threshold (100 in their units), we mark the segments ( $\alpha$  10 prd and  $\beta$  prd lines). We also show the CF  $\langle pt \rangle$  propensity; where  $\langle pt \rangle$  exceeds the threshold recommended in the CFP procedure (0.00075), 4-residue predicted turns are marked by lines (denoted as "t 15 prd") beginning with the suprathreshold residue. Our routine simply marks all such 4-point turns, rather than attempting to opt between them (as in the CFP procedure) when they overlap.

We also used the results obtained with the PHD neural network prediction program (Rost and Sander, 20 1992, *Nature*, 360:540), which runs without human intervention in a computer, and is therefore unbiased to that extent.

We found that, as a rule, no single procedure was completely sufficient, and it was best to combine in 25 one figure several different types of plots so as to compare them and derive a global picture for a given protein. To that end, we wrote a program ("UCFP") in the PowerBasic language (Power-BASIC Inc., Brentwood, Ca 94513), compiled it, and ran the executable file 30 under IBMDOS. The source code of UCFP is set forth in Section 7.1.1, below. UCFP is a predecessor of the UNION program, and uses as inputs two files: a) the amino acid sequence of a protein, and b) a file with 35 literal secondary structural assignment codes for that sequence, either taken from the Brookhaven database for proteins with known structure or derived from

predicting proteins of unknown structure. Our program computes hydrophobicities,  $\alpha$  and CFP  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  propensities, converts the literal structure codes into numbers, and generates a columnar output file. We  
5 obtained the figures presented here by importing UCF output into a graphics program ("Origin", MicroCal Software, Northampton, MA 01060). We also found useful the graphic display program "PSAAM" (Crofts, AR, "Protein Sequence Analysis and Modeling for Windows 3  
10 [ ],", University of Illinois, Urbana, IL (Ph.D.; Dissertation)) to verify the validity of our algorithms.

-50-

```

53      if nseq=0 then nseq=1999
54      nseq = 20      'unless dealing with extraterrestrials...
55      'NSEQ = 300  'maximum number of amino acids in sequence ; sets array sizes
56      ' program sensitive to this in the Power Basic environment
57      ' however, if compiled, so far no limit encountered for the executable
58      DIM symbols$(nseq)
59      DIM seqH(NSEQ)
60      DIM seqP(NSEQ)
61      DIM seqS(NSEQ)
62      DIM vkyte(nseq)
63      DIM pturn(nseq)
64      DIM hout(NSEQ)
65      DIM houtSH(NSEQ)
66      DIM amphI(nseq)
67      DIM amphIout(NSEQ)
68      DIM amphibeta(NSEQ)
69      DIM amphialpha(NSEQ)
70      DIM UALPHA(NSEQ)
71      DIM U(nseq)
72      DIM Ubeta(NSEQ)
73      DIM DUM(NSEQ)
74      DIM DUMN(NSEQ)
75      DIM paI(nseq)
76      DIM paS(nseq)
77      DIM paTETR(nseq)
78      DIM paM$(nseq)
79      DIM pbI(nseq)
80      DIM pbS(nseq)
81      DIM pbTETR(nseq)
82      DIM pbM$(nseq)
83      DIM pt(nseq, 4)
84      DIM PTSEQ(NSEQ)
85      DIM ptM$(nseq)
86      DIM phdAS(nseq)
87      DIM phdBS(nseq)
88      DIM phdT$(nseq)
89      DIM tempS(nseq)
90      comienzo:
91      secodes$ = "ARNDCQEGHILKMHFPSTWYV"
92      alphacut = 100
93      betacut = 100
94      turncut = 0.75e-4
95      CLS
96      drives$ = "C:\
97      paths$ = "\UCFP\
98      DEFAULTS = drives$ + paths$ + "\\" + "UCFP.INI"
99      OPEN DEFAULTS FOR INPUT AS #5
100     INPUT #5, drives$, paths$, filenames$, filenames$, angalpha, angbeta, UHEL, span
101     CLOSE #5
102     fileinps = drives$ + paths$ + "\\" + filenames$ + ".sqf"
103     fileouts = drives$ + paths$ + "\\" + filenames$ + ".dat"
104
105     'Kyte-Doolittle scale

```

```

106      ,      1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
107      ,      A, R, H, D, C, Q, E, G, H, I
108      DATA 1.8,-4.5,-3.5,-3.5,2.5,-3.5,-3.5,-0.4,-3.2,4.5
109      ,      11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
110      ,      L, K, M, F, P, S, T, U, Y, V
111      DATA 3.8,-3.9,1.9,2.8,-1.6,-0.8,-0.7,-0.9,-1.3,4.2
112      ****
113      'CHOU-FASMAN 64-protein database
114      ****
115      DATA A,139, 79,0.060,0.076,0.035,0.058
116      DATA R,100, 94,0.070,0.106,0.099,0.085
117      DATA H, 78, 66,0.161,0.083,0.191,0.091
118      DATA D,106, 66,0.147,0.110,0.179,0.081
119      DATA C, 95,107,0.149,0.053,0.117,0.128
120      DATA Q,112,100,0.074,0.098,0.037,0.098
121      DATA E,144, 51,0.056,0.060,0.077,0.064
122      DATA G, 64, 87,0.102,0.085,0.190,0.152
123      DATA M,112, 83,0.140,0.047,0.093,0.054
124      DATA I, 99,157,0.043,0.034,0.013,0.056
125      DATA L,130,117,0.061,0.025,0.036,0.070
126      DATA K,121, 73,0.055,0.115,0.072,0.095
127      DATA M,132,101,0.068,0.082,0.014,0.055
128      DATA F,111,123,0.059,0.041,0.065,0.065
129      DATA P, 55, 62,0.102,0.301,0.034,0.068
130      DATA S, 72, 94,0.120,0.139,0.125,0.106
131      DATA T, 78,133,0.086,0.108,0.065,0.079
132      DATA W,103,124,0.077,0.013,0.064,0.167
133      DATA Y, 73,131,0.082,0.065,0.114,0.125
134      DATA V, 97,144,0.062,0.048,0.028,0.053
135      ****
136      ' ///////////////////////////////////////////////////
137      CLS
138      'print "Free memory: ";fre(0); fre(-1); fre(-2)
139      PRINT "UCFP ALGORITHM; J. Fischberg, F. Czelegdy, P. Iserovich. Copyright 1996"
140      print" Set for sequence lengths up to " nseq
141      print"
142      print"
143      START:
144      DUMMY = 0
145      PRINT " ENTER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING "
146      PRINT
147      PRINT "1. CHANGE FILE NAME FOR INPUT; currently: "; fileinps
148      'PRINT "2. CHANGE FILE NAME FOR OUTPUT; currently: "; fileouts
149      PRINT "2. CHANGE ANGLE FOR ALPHA/BETA STRUCTURES (HYDROPHOBIC MOMENT) "
150      PRINT " ALPHA STRUCTURE= "; angalpha; "BETA STRUCTURE= "; angbeta
151      PRINT "3. CHANGE A.A. SPAN FOR MEMBRANE HELICES; currently: "; WHEL
152      PRINT "4. CHANGE A.A. SPAN FOR UNION; currently: "; span
153      PRINT "5. CHANGE PATH; CURRENTLY: " paths
154      print "6. CHANGE DRIVE; CURRENTLY: " drives
155      'PRINT "6. CHANGE WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION; currently: "; UW
156      PRINT "9. TO END SESSION WITHOUT RUNNING"
157      PRINT "0. (DEF=CR) MAIN - RUN WITH CURRENT PARAMETERS- RUNS ONLY ONCE AND EXITS
158      print
159      PRINT " "
160      INPUT DUMMY

```

```

161      SELECT CASE DUMMY
162      CASE 1 : GOSUB FILENAMEINPUT
163      ' CASE 2 : GOSUB FILENAMEOUTPUT
164      CASE 2 : GOSUB MOMENTANGLE
165      CASE 3 : GOSUB ALPHAWINDOW
166      CASE 4 : GOSUB BETAWINDOW
167      CASE 5 : GOSUB NEWPATH
168      'TO CONIENZO 'road under repairs- Monkeying with discouraged
169      ' CASE 6 : GOSUB UNNWINDOW
170      CASE 9 : GOTO salida
171      CASE 0 : GOTO corrente
172      END SELECT
173      GOTO start
174
175      '///////////////
176      newpath:
177      print "Enter new path, e.g., C:\PROT\PRD(note no end \ or end space)"
178      input tests
179      if test$="" then goto newpath
180      paths = tests
181      DEFAULTS = drives + paths + "\\" + "UCFP.INI"
182      fileinps = drives + paths + "\\" + filenames + ".sqz"
183      fileouts = drives + paths + "\\" + filenames + ".dat"
184      return
185
186      corrente: 'main routine - records parameters and runs
187      cls
188      OPEN DEFAULTS FOR OUTPUT AS #6
189      WRITE #6,drives,paths,filenames,filenames,angalpha,angbeta,WHEL,span
190      CLOSE #6
191      GOSUB WORKING
192      PRINT
193      print "COMPLETED RUN SUCCESSFULLY - STOPPING NOW"
194      STOP 'With all the erase statements to save memory, cannot run again
195      'all key arrays erased by now
196      'GOTO start
197
198      '///////////////
199      FILENAMEINPUT:
200      cls
201      'print "string space remain." fre(0)
202      'print "bytes left in mem. f. data" fre(-1)
203      'print "stack space never used" fre(-2)
204      'input dummy
205      chdrive drives
206      chdir paths
207      files ".SQZ"
208      rem SHELL "DIR " + paths + ".SEQ/W"
209      LOCATE 20, 1
210      PRINT "ENTER FNAME (ONLY) FOR INPUT SEQ; PROG ADDS DEF
211      FILE TYPES .SQZ & .DAT"
212      INPUT filenames

```

-53-

```

212     fileinps = drives$ + paths$ + "\" + filenames$ + ".sqf"
213     fileouts = drives$ + paths$ + "\" + filenames$ + ".dat"
214     RETURN
215
216     MOMENTANGLE:
217     PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR ALPHA STRUCTURES "
218     INPUT angalpha
219     PRINT "ENTER ANGLE FOR BETA STRUCTURES "
220     INPUT angbeta
221     RETURN
222
223     ALPHAWINDOW:
224     PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR MEMBRANE HELICAL SPANS (ODD NUMBER)"
225     INPUT whel
226     RETURN
227
228     BETAWINDOW:
229     PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR UNION SPAN (ODD NUMBER)"
230     INPUT span
231     RETURN
232
233     UNHWINDOW:
234     PRINT "ENTER WINDOW SIZE FOR SMOOTHING UNION"
235     INPUT uw
236     RETURN
237
238     ' /////////////////////////////////
239
240     WORKING:
241     print fre(0); fre(-1); fre(-2)
242     OPEN fileinps FOR INPUT AS #1
243     INPUT #1, sequences
244     input #1, structures
245     CLOSE #1
246     FOR n = 1 TO 20
247       READ vkyte(n)
248       symbols$(n) = MID$(seqcodes$, n, 1)
249     NEXT n
250     FOR i = 1 TO 20
251       READ symbols$(i),pa$(i),pb$(i),pt$(i,1),pt$(i,2),pt$(i,3),pt$(i,4)
252     NEXT i
253     RESTORE
254     '///////// ***** /////////////////////
255     PRINT "..... WORKING....."
256     cfspan = 4      'prepare for Chou-Fasman-Prevelige tetrapeptides
257     nlen = LEN(sequences$)
258     FOR n = 1 TO nlen
259       seqs$(n) = MID$(sequences$, n, 1) 'list of aa codes
260     NEXT n
261     FOR i = 1 TO nlen      ' from i to length of sequence */
262       FOR k = 1 TO 20
263         IF seqs$(i) = symbols$(k) THEN ' identify ordinal FOR aa */
264           seq$(i) = vkyte(k) ' assign hydrophobicity value to residue*/
265           seqn$(i) = k      'assign residue name number /
266           pa$(i) = pa$(k)  'assign alpha propensity
267           pb$(i) = pb$(k)  'assign beta propensity
268           exit for      'done w re; leave f r/next loop

```

```

269     END IF
270     NEXT k
271     NEXT i
272
273     FOR n = 2 TO (nlen - 2)
274     PTSEQ(n)=pt(seqn(n-1),1)*pt(seqn(n),2)*pt(seqn(n+1),3)*pt(seqn(n+2),4)
275     NEXT n
276     erase seqn
277     PTSEQ(1) = PTSEQ(2)
278     PTSEQ(nlen) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
279     PTSEQ(nlen - 1) = PTSEQ(nlen - 2)
280     for i=1 to nlen
281     if ptseq(i) >= turncut then
282         for ind = 0 to 3
283             ptms(i + ind) = "4.5 " : next ind : goto cortada
284         end if
285     if ptseq(i) < turncut then
286         if ptms(i) = "4.5 " then goto cortada
287         else
288             ptms(i) = "    "
289         end if
290     cortada:
291     next i
292     CALL NORMAL(PTSEQ(), nlen, ptseq())
293
294     ' ===== //////////////// =====
295
296     ' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR MEMBRANE HELICES '
297     FLAG = 1 ' calculate hydrophobicity '
298     j = WHEL           ' window
299     GOSUB MAIN        ' and we will get hout(m)
300     CALL NORMAL(hout(), nlen, hout()) 'and we will get hout long'
301
302     ' ===== //////////////// =====
303
304     ' HYDROPHOBICITY CALCULATION FOR SHORT SPAN
305     FLAG = 2 ' calculate hydrophobicity '
306     j = span           ' window
307     GOSUB MAIN        ' and we will get houtsh(m)
308     CALL NORMAL(houtsh(), nlen, houtsh()) 'and we will get hout short'
309     ' ===== //////////////// =====
310
311     ' CALCULATION OF TETRAPEPTIDE PROPENSITIES
312     j = cfspan
313     for i=1 to nlen-3
314     patetr(i) = ( pas(i) + pas(i+1) + pas(i+2) + pas(i+3) )/cfspan
315     pbtetr(i) = ( pbs(i) + pbs(i+1) + pbs(i+2) + pbs(i+3) )/cfspan
316     if patetr(i) >= alphacut then
317         pamS(i) = "4.5 "
318     else
319         pamS(i) = "    "
320     end if
321     if pbtetr(i) >= betacut then

```

```

321      pbmS(i) = "4.5 "
322      else
323          pbmS(i) = "    "
324      end if
325      next i
326      erase pas, pbs
327      for j= 2 to 0 step -1      'approximate bottom ends
328          patetr(nlen-j) = patetr(nlen-3)
329          pbtetr(nlen-j) = pbtetr(nlen-3)
330      next j
331
332      CALL NORMALPA(patetr(), nlen, patetr() )
333      CALL NORMALPB(pbtetr(), nlen, pbtetr() )
334
335      ' calculation alpha moment'
336
337      FLAG = 0 'selects amphicut output
338      j = span
339      ANGLE = angalpha
340      GOSUB MAIN      'gets amphicut(m)"/
341      CALL NORMAL(amphicut(), nlen, amphialpha())'gets amphialpha"/
342
343      ' ***** //////////////// *****
344      ' calculation beta moment'
345
346      FLAG = 0 'selects amphicut output
347      j = span
348      ANGLE = angbeta
349      GOSUB MAIN      'gets amphicut(m)"/
350      CALL NORMAL(amphicut(), nlen, amphibeta()) 'gets amphibeta
351      erase amphicut
352      ' ***** //////////////// *****
353
354      'calculate union alpha
355      CALL UN(ptseq(), houtsh(), amphialpha(), nlen, ualpha())
356      erase amphialpha
357      CALL NORMAL(ualpha(), nlen, ualpha())
358      'calculate union beta
359      CALL UN(ptseq(), houtsh(), 'amphibeta(), nlen, ubeta())
360      erase amphibeta
361      CALL NORMAL(ubeta(), nlen, ubeta())
362      erase amphi
363      erase seqh
364      ' ***** //////////////// *****
365      ' //////////////// *****
366      ' PROCESS STRUCTURE STRING (PREDICTIONS OR CRYSTALLOG.)
367      alfaMS = "3.5 "
368      betaMS = "3.5 "
369      turMS = "3.5 "
370      FOR n = 1 TO nlen
371          temps(n) = MID$(structure$, n, 1) 'list of structure codes
372      NEXT n
373      for i=1 to nlen
374          if temps(i) = "H" then
375              phds(i) = alfaMS : phbs(i) = "    " : phts(i) = "    "
376          end if
377          if temps(i) = "E" then

```

-56-

```

378      phdas(i) = " " : phdbs(i) = betams : phdts(i) = " "
379  end if
380  if temps(i) = "C" then
381      phdas(i) = " " : phdbs(i) = " " : phdts(i) = " "
382  end if
383  if temps(i) = "F" then
384      phdas(i) = " " : phdbs(i) = " " : phdts(i) = turnms
385  end if
386 next i
387 close #4
388 erase temps
389 GOSUB producto
390 return
391
' ///////////////////////////////////////////////////
392
393
394 MAIN:   'window size j is already defined
395 IF j > 1 THEN
396   ===== STARTING SEGMENT
397   FOR m = 1 TO (j - 1) / 2   '1 to 10
398     LB = 1
399     'LOW BOUNDARY
400     UB = m + (j - 1) / 2'upper BOUNDARY m+10
401     GOSUB CALCULATION
402     NEXT m
403   =====MAIN CENTER SEGMENT   '11 to nlen - 10
404   FOR m = (j + 1) / 2 TO (nlen - (j - 1) / 2)' m center of the window'
405     LB = m - (j - 1) / 2   'm-10
406     UB = m + (j - 1) / 2   'm+10
407     GOSUB CALCULATION
408     NEXT m
409   ===== END SEGMENT 'nlen-9 to nlen
410   FOR m = (1 + nlen - (j - 1) / 2) TO nlen 'm ctr of window'
411     LB = m - (j - 1) / 2 'low BOUNDARY m-10
412     UB = nlen
413     GOSUB CALCULATION
414     NEXT m
415   END IF
416   RETURN
417
' ///////////////////////////////////////////////////
418
419 CALCULATION:
420
421 IF FLAG = 1 THEN  ' calculate hydrophobicity of std. tm. segnts. '
422   cumh = 0: cum = 0
423   ' reset hydrophobicity accumulators '
424   FOR i = LB TO UB
425     cumh = seqh(i) + cumh
426     cum = cum + 1
427   hout(m) = cumh / cum
428   ' compute hydrophobicity average '
429   NEXT i
430
431 ELSEIF FLAG = 2 THEN  ' calculate hydrophobicity of short tm. segnts. '
432   cumh = 0: cum = 0
433   ' reset hydrophobicity accumulators '
434   FOR i = LB TO UB
435     cumh = seqh(i) + cumh
436     cum = cum + 1

```

-57-

```

436  houtsh(m) = cunsh / cum      ' compute hydrophobicity average '
437  NEXT I
438
439  ELSEIF FLAG = 0 THEN          ' calc. hydrophobic moment'
440
441  t = 0 : acum = 0 : Mx = 0 : My = 0 : 'reset amphiphilic accumulators /
442  FOR I = LB TO UB               'loop on i through all res. in window'
443  x = COS(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (I - LB) / 360) 'Eisenberg
444  y = SIN(2 * 3.1416 * ANGLE * (I - LB) / 360)
445  Mx = Mx + (x * sech(I))
446  My = My + (y * sech(I))
447  acum = acum + 1
448  NEXT I
449  amphioout(m) = SQRT(Mx ^ 2 + My ^ 2)
450
451  END IF
452
453  RETURN
454
455  ' ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
456
457  product:
458  c$ = ", "
459  OPEN fileout$ FOR OUTPUT AS #2
460  PRINT #2, "res" c$ "aa" c$ "H21" c$ "H7" c$ "ua" c$ "ub" c$ "pa" c$ -
461  "am" c$ "pb" c$ "bm" c$ "pt" c$ "tm" c$ "prda" c$ "prdb" c$ "prdt"
462  FOR I = 1 TO nlen
463  locate 16,1
464  PRINT "l="; I; "; nlen="; nlen
465  hing = round(hout(I), 2)
466  hsh = round(houtsh(I), 2)
467  ua = round(ualpha(I), 2)
468  ub = round(ubeta(I), 2)
469  pa = round(patetr(I), 2)
470  pb = round(pbtetr(I), 2)
471  pt = round(ptseq(I), 2)
472  PRINT #2, I c$ sech(I) c$ hing c$ hsh c$ ua c$ ub c$ pa c$ pa$S(I)_
473  c$ pb c$ pb$S(I) c$ pt c$ pt$S(I) c$ phda$S(I) c$ phdb$S(I) c$ phdt$S(I)
474  NEXT I
475  CLOSE #2
476  erase hout, houtsh, ualpha, ubeta, patetr, pbtetr, ptseq
477  return
478
479  ' ///////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
480
481  salida:
482  PRINT " *** DONE ***"
483
484  stop
485  end
486
487
488
489  SUB NORMAL (DUM(), nlen, DUM())
490
491  ytop#=DUM(1):ybot#=DUM(1):yCUM#=DUM(1)' reset max, min & avg accumulators'
492  FOR I = 2 TO nlen 'MAX AND MIN DETERMINATION '
493

```

```

494      IF DUM(I) > ytop# THEN
495          ytop# = DUM(I)
496          yhord = i
497          end if
498      IF DUM(I) < ybot# THEN
499          ybot# = DUM(I)
500          ylord=i
501          end if
502      ' yCUM# = yCUM# + DUM(I)
503      NEXT I
504      ' yAverag = yCUM# / nlen 'average
505      FOR I = 1 TO nlen
506      'print DUM(I)
507      'print (DUM(I) - ybot#);(ytop# - ybot#);(DUM(I) - ybot#)/ (ytop# - ybot#)
508      DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - ybot#) / (ytop# - ybot#)
509      NEXT I
510
511      END SUB
512
513      ' /////////////////////////////////
514
515      SUB LN (ptseq(), MOUTsh(), AMPHI(), nlen, U())
516
517      FOR m = 1 TO nlen
518          U(m) = MOUTsh(m) + AMPHI(m) - ptseq(m)
519      NEXT m
520      END SUB
521      ' ****
522      SUB NORMALPA (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())
523
524      deltalfa# = 75
525      lalpha# = 64
526          FOR I = 1 TO NLEN
527              DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - lalpha#) / (deltalfa#)
528          NEXT I
529
530      END SUB
531      ' ****
532      SUB NORMALPB (DUM(), nlen, DUMN())
533
534      deltabet# = 106
535      lbeta# = 51
536          FOR I = 1 TO NLEN
537              DUMN(I) = -4.5 + 9 * (DUM(I) - lbeta#) / (deltabet#)
538          NEXT I
539
540      END SUB

```

### 7.2. Results

#### Evaluation of the prediciton profiles.

validations: (1) multihelical proteins. The reaction center (L chain) constitutes a good example of a  
5 successful prediction (Fig. 7a). The H<sub>7</sub> profile marks several hydrophobic segments which are long enough to span the membrane. This prediction of long segments is borne out by the U<sub>α7</sub> peaks, and by the relative paucity of predicted turns, leaving long stretches of sequence  
10 with little turn propensity and hence with relatively higher propensity to form structure. An assignment to multi- $\alpha$  folding could be made at this point, after which the segments could be refined using a detailed CFP spreadsheet (Prevelige, supra.), cap propensities,  
15 and so on.

Bacteriorhodopsin also evidences long hydrophobic stretches (H<sub>7</sub>) borne out by U<sub>α7</sub> peaks, and relatively few predicted turn regions (Fig. 7b). The trend to long structured segments is curiously more discernible  
20 in the CFP- $\beta$  predictions than in the  $\alpha$ -predictions. Still, the protein can be classed as multi- $\alpha$  on the basis of the length of the predicted segments.

For colicin (Fig. 7c), hydrophobicity analysis alone seems insufficient, since it predicts long  
25 stretches known as transmembrane as hydrophilic. Our way of plotting normalized (rather than absolute) H values exaggerates this trend, which is nonetheless noteworthy. In this instance, CFP  $\alpha$ -predictions and U<sub>α7</sub> profiles demonstrate that the length of the predicted segments is consistent with multi- $\alpha$ -helical fold.  
30 Overall CFP  $\alpha$ -propensity is higher than that for  $\beta$  (we plot absolute values for both). Hence, multi- $\alpha$  assignment seems adequate.

35 Validati ns: (2) porins. *Rhodobacter capsulatus* porin exemplifies a trend (Fig. 7d): some p aks that appear

as long hydrophobic stretches in the  $H_{21}$  profile are split in the  $H_7$  profile. Even if qualitative judgments are tentative, this does not happen to the same extent in RCL or BR. Neither the  $\alpha$  nor the  $\beta$  predictions mark 5 long segments here, and turn propensity peaks appear frequently along the chain. A tentative assignment of multi- $\beta$  fold can be made at this point. If one then focuses attention on the  $U_b$  peaks, one can verify that they mark the  $\beta$ -segments exceedingly well. At a 10 threshold of 1.83, all strands will be marked, with minimal overprediction. Segments lengths could be further refined as above.

The *Escherichia coli* porin profiles (Fig. 7e) show further the limitations of hydrophobicity analysis *per se*. The hydrophobicity profiles largely miss the  $\beta$ -hairpin between residues 35-65. However, the CFP  $\beta$ -predictions and U for  $\beta$  segments find them. The U peaks are especially noteworthy; as above, with a 15 threshold of 2.15, U marks all the  $\beta$ -strands with minimal overprediction. One can note also repeated 20 suprathreshold turn predictions, seemingly at regular intervals; from all this, a tentative assignment of multi- $\beta$  structure may be made. This plot also allows 25 the rare opportunity of evaluating the performance of the PHD robot by comparing the structure derived from crystallography with a prediction PHD made of this protein shortly before it was incorporated to its database. Practically all structured segments are detected by PHD, which also does reasonably well in 30 predicting their lengths. Once more, those lengths are too short for transmembrane  $\alpha$ -helices, but adequate for  $\beta$ -strands, confirming the tentative assignment above. There is another feature of the PHD prediction worth 35 noting: as many as 7  $\beta$ -segments are predicted as  $\alpha$ -helical, while one of the short  $\alpha$ -helices is predicted as a  $\beta$ -strand. Such types of mispredictions can be

common when humans mak their own judgments, so here the computer brings no improvement. The advantage a human has is to know that the protein is in a membrane, and hence that the structured segments predicted as  $\alpha$ -helical are too short to be transmembrane, pointing instead to a  $\beta$ -barrel.

5 In closing this section, we note that the group of proteins reviewed so far has a common feature: they tend to have relatively short sequences, not exceeding 10 some 350 amino acids. Perhaps that has made 15 crystallizing them somewhat easier, certainly predictions also appear relatively straightforward, compared with some for the longer sequences.

15 Proteins with unknown structure.

The prediction profiles for facilitative glucose transporter indicate a number of short segments (Fig. 8a). PHD predicts only three long segments as  $\alpha$ -helical. Yet, of these, the middle one (#230-260) 20 forms part of a known long intracellular loop, and might be actually broken by a turn. In view of the number of predicted short segments, the remaining two long segments could not suffice to label the protein as multi- $\alpha$ -helical. When analyzed more closely, predicted 25 turns can be discerned that could interrupt those segments. In contrast, the  $U_b$  peaks,  $\beta$  predictions, and a good number of PHD-predicted segments are in register and give a cogent picture of short segments, the approximate location of which we mark with arrows. 30 One can note how the segments may be nested between predicted turns. Partly on this basis, we have predicted for this protein a porin-like multi- $\beta$  folding, with some  $\alpha$ -helics in the connecting loops. 35 We also show in the fourth panel the possible orientation of the predicted  $\beta$ -strands.

5                   **CHIP28: PHD predicts (Fig. 8b) only two segments long enough to be transmembrane as  $\alpha$ -helices, which makes assignment as multi-helical somewhat doubtful.**  
10                In addition, turn propensities are rather high and repeated along the chain, which speaks for short structured segments. The next feature to are the  $\beta$ -predictions,  $U_{\beta}$ , peaks and PHD-predicted  $\beta$  segments in register along the second half of the sequence. If one now returns to the two long segments, predicted turns  
15                are discernible that could break them (one supra, one sub-threshold). Therefore, we assign the protein as multi- $\beta$ , and mark the 16 putative segments that would give it a porin-type fold. In this view, given its short sequence there would be little in this structure aside from the barrel itself, since the connecting loops would be rather short (except perhaps for the segment 110-140). One might think of it as a  
20                rudimentary or bare-bones channel protein.

20                **The acetylcholine receptor  $\alpha$  subunit:** The  $H_{21}$  profile (Fig. 8c) yields several hydrophobic stretches long enough to be transmembrane  $\alpha$ -helices; these (M1-4) have been recognized for years. One of the long stretches (M2) is under particular scrutiny as a firm candidate to line the channel (see Karlin A, 1991, "Explorations of the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor", The Harvey Lecture series 85:71-107) for how the different subunits might join to form a channel.)

30                On the other hand, in the profiles shown here, detail multiplies as one progresses from  $H_{21}$  to the other ones. It seems particularly noteworthy that the  $CF\beta$  and  $U_{\beta}$  propensities and PHD segment predictions are in register throughout the sequence. The  $CF\alpha$  and  $H\alpha$  propensities are not, which gives a tentative indication of multi- $\beta$  folding. We have marked with  
35                arrows some segments as the putative 16  $\beta$ -strands of a porin fold. In Akabas et al., 1992, Science, 258:307-

310, evidence from cyst ine-substituted mutants led the authors to describe segment 248-254 as probably forming a  $\beta$ -strand. Our prediction also finds  $\beta$ -structure in that region.

5        The potential participation of residues 1-200 in forming a channel has been apparently neglected so far, presumably because in the current view, all five receptor subunits would join together and instead simply form a channel lined by their M2 segments.

10      However, these two views are not necessarily mutually exclusive, as a comparison with porins may show. Porins consist of trimers in which each monomer forms its own channel at one end of the molecule. At the other end, however, the individual channels merge into 15 one large opening for the trimer. One wonders whether other membrane proteins may show a similar arrangement in which channel-containing subunits in varying numbers join in to share their openings. For the acetylcholine receptor, it might explain both the clear evidence for 20 a large opening facing the extracellular space and lined by the 5 monomers (Karlin, supra), and the predictions for the stretch 1-200 if each subunit would form its own channel at their intracellular ends, all channels eventually merging.

25      **Lactose permease.** Once more, the  $CF\beta$  and  $U\beta_7$  profiles go in register, especially in the second half of the sequence (Fig. 8d). That cannot be said of the  $CF\alpha$  and  $U\alpha_7$  profiles, which again tentatively indicates multi- $\beta$  folding. PHD predicts some 15  $\beta$  segments, 30 which reinforces this possibility. PHD also predicts five  $\alpha$ -helices with length presumably sufficient to span the membrane (residues 7-26, 72-90, 194-223, 267-287, and 352-376). However, the segment 194-223 is marked by several fusions in the top panel as 35 intracellular, and appears as a hydrophilic region in  $H_{21}$ , so it seems logical to discard it. The remaining

four long segm nts, even if helical, do not appear enough to form a transmembrane pore of the dimensions required for lactose permeation. Besides, all of them are potentially interrupted or shortened by 5 suprathreshold turn predictions. In view of all this, multi- $\beta$  folding appears a more logical choice.

This conclusion goes counter to that drawn in several studies in which evidence for a multi- $\alpha$ -helical fold was presented (Kaback, 1992, Int. Rev. Cytol., 10 137A:97-125). On the other hand, the possibility of extensive  $\beta$ -folding for the lac permease has been advanced before by Radding (Karlin, supra). More recently, the results of Calamia and Manoil, obtained from fusions, have been cited to support the topology 15 of the 12-helix lac permease model (Kaback, supra) and to support the idea that facilitators conforming to a 6 + 6 hydrophobicity profile are  $\alpha$ -helical (Nikaido et al., 1992, Science, 258:936-942). Calamia and Manoil apparently selected the locations of their fusions for 20 the limited aim of discriminating between the 12-helix and the 14-helix lac permease models. The fact that their results support the 12-helix model says little (if anything) about whether  $\alpha$ -helical folding is to be favored over an alternative such as the partial  $\beta$ - 25 barrel fold proposed by Radding (Karlin, supra), or over a possible 16- $\beta$ -strand porin fold. In fact, some of the findings of Calamia and Manoil may be taken as possible indications of  $\beta$ -folding. In their own words, "...it appears that 9-11 apolar membrane spanning 30 segments can suffice to promote efficient alkaline phosphatase translocation across the membrane." Another interpretation might be that the transmembrane segments referred to would be 9-11 residues in length, that is, too short to be  $\alpha$ -helical but quite of the 35 correct length for a transmembrane  $\beta$ -strand. In addition, the segment between fusions 9 and 10, each

one labeling residues as xtracellular, is long enough that the chain, if consisting of short  $\beta$ -strands, could have entered the cell and returned outside. Lastly, fusion 29 apparently labels a stretch as intracellular 5 when an extracellular location was expected; the small increase in activity of fusion 29 appears of dubious significance in view of the fact that fusion 13, also of small but non-zero activity, may be labeling an intracellular location. In a similar vein, the 10 observed range of alkaline phosphatase activities (as against an ideal all-or-none pattern) poses some question as to which locations the intermediate activities may be labeling. A more substantial link between results of fusions and topology may be clearer 15 if control fusions and subsequent expression can be done with membrane proteins of known structure.

20 sodium-glucose cotransporter (Fig. 8e),  $K^+$  channel (Fig. 8f). Several of the patterns already referred to above reappear for these sequences.  $CF\beta$ ,  $U\beta_7$  and PHD predictions are in register, while those for  $CF\alpha$  and  $U\alpha_7$  do not seem to be. Turn potentials rise regularly and 25 delimit segments of 10 residues or less. Once more, a multi- $\beta$  assignment seems plausible. We have marked with arrows segments that might contribute to porin folds. There is evidence that the functional unit for this  $K^+$  channel is a tetramer (MacKinnon, 1991, Nature, 350:232-235); the comments made above for the acetylcholine receptor apply here as well, namely, each 30 monomer may have its own channel, with all four channels merging into one.

35 calcium ATPase (Fig. 2g),  $H^+/K^+$ -ATPase (Fig. 8h). The length of the sequences does not allow an intuitive comparison on the same basis as we have done until now. Of course, these proteins may contain homologous internal repeats, and if so perhaps a more detailed analysis might be performed on each repeat. For the

present purposes, we will simply call attention to the CF $\beta$ , U $b_7$  and PHD predictions in register, the number of comparatively short segments predicted (having the proper length for transmembrane  $\beta$ -strands), and the 5 regularity with which peaks appear in the <pt> profile, all of which is consistent with  $\beta$ -folding.

Profile analysis of environmental similarity. We resorted to this recently developed methodology (Gribskow et al., 1990, "Profile analysis. In: R.F. 10 Doolittle (eds). Methods in Enzymology", Academic Press, New York, pp. 146-159; Bowie et al., 1991, Science, 253:164-170). We chose as terms of comparison two environments, those of RCL and Ompf, and set out to investigate whether membrane proteins of interest would 15 have environmental scores closer to one or the other. The results are summarized in Figs. 9a and 9b. For reasons we discuss below, we think this type of analysis does not perform optimally for membrane proteins. Still, some trends are apparent. The Ompf 20 profile (Fig. 9a) recognizes several porins and members of the major facilitator superfamily of proteins, a group that includes the sugar transporters, and gives them better scores than those of most globular unrelated proteins or BR. Conversely, the RCL profile 25 (Fig. 9b) recognizes the RC M chain and BR better than facilitators or porins.

### 7.3. Discussion

Translocators: economy of the barrel design. 30 Since a main common function of transporters and channels is to allow passage ("translocation") of solutes across the membrane, in what follows we will refer to them as "translocators". Given a limited number of residues, a  $\beta$ -strand can span a membrane with 35 much fewer of them (beginning with six (Rosenbusch, 1985, EMBO J., 4:1593-1597); 10 is certainly adequate).

Hence, as already noted (Radding, 1991, *J. Theor Biol.*, 150:239-249), much less residues are needed to configure a transmembrane translocation unit if the unit is a  $\beta$ -barrel than if the transmembrane segments are  $\alpha$ -helical.

The width of the barrel, and the role of the connecting loops. When contemplating a possible  $\beta$ -barrel model for translocators, it seems logical at first to focus on known  $\beta$ -barrel folds so as to determine which one might have a channel suited for translocation. The choice so far seems limited to two main types, the  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  barrels of isomerase-type enzymes (Farber et al., 1990, *TIBS*, 15:228-234) and the porins. The  $\beta$ -barrel lumen of the 8-stranded isomerase fold, however, appears to be very small, perhaps only 1-2 angstroms. Of course, the pore of the 16-stranded porins is much wider; in Ompf, even with a loop inside its pore and constricting it, its diameter is 7x11 angstroms (Cowan et al., 1992, *Nature*, 358:727-733). This is adequate for large solutes, but appears excessive for ionic channels and transporters of small solutes. If such translocators have a porin fold, their pores may be modified by loops. Hence, some connecting loops in translocators may fulfill specific functions such as gating a channel, constricting a channel pore, binding to and hence selecting solutes, binding metabolites and cofactors, signaling destination in protein traffic, etc. Evolutionarily, it seems easier to explain the development of translocators if a common translocation unit was conserved (a 16-stranded  $\beta$ -barrel) and different loops evolved for different functions. A similar scheme was advanced by Nikaido and Saier for bacterial facilitators, except that the translocation unit they envisaged was 12- $\alpha$ -helical (Nikaido et al., 1992, *Science*, 258:936-942). In our view, the common translocation unit would be a  $\beta$ -barrel. With this

proviso, the idea of a  $\text{c mm n}$  translocation unit could be extended to ionic channels (see Fig. 8f), with suitable loops evolutionarily grafted for each given protein (Nikaido, supra). In fact, a  $\beta$ -barrel model 5 has been previously proposed for the voltage-activated  $\text{K}^+$  channel (Bogusz et al., 1992, Protein-Eng., 5(4):285-293).

For an alternative, one would have to consider the evolutionary development of translocators by a process 10 that would have tailored the number of strands and hence the width of the channel to the size of the solute considered. Aside from being overly complex, that is not what the evidence points to for bacterial facilitators (Nikaido, supra). In this light, we deem 15 the work of Radding (Karlin, supra) important to point out the possible presence of  $\beta$  structure in lac permease and the  $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}^+$  antiporter, a concept with which we agree (cf. our Figs. 9d for the lac permease and 9h for the  $\text{H}^+/\text{K}^+$ -ATPase). On the other hand, the partial 20  $\beta$ -barrels that he proposes may be more difficult to marry with the evolutionary considerations above. From all this, the porin fold emerges as an interesting candidate for a template common to most if not all translocators.

25 The connecting loops of barrels. In an anti-parallel  $\beta$ -barrel, the loops connecting one strand with the next one can be relatively short, sometimes no longer than needed for a turn. The arrangement has a certain symmetry in that each strand connects only with 30 the neighboring ones, thereby decreasing potential steric conflicts between different loops. This is what happens in porins. In the view we propose, such loops would be crucial, since the translocating unit made out of a  $\beta$ -barrel would be too static to result in, say, 35 gating. Conformational changes associated with binding and/or selectivity are also easier to conceive if they

involve only loops, rather than massive prot in segments.

One might also mention that finite water permeability through proteins has been shown to exist not only across water channels such as CHIP28 or  $\gamma$ -TIP but across several transporters such as GLUT1, the sodium/glucose cotransporter, and CFTR (Hasegawa et al., 1991, *Science*, 258:1477-1479). Water permeation could of course take place through any type of preferential pathway in a protein, but the presence of  $\beta$ -barrels acting as translocation pathways would provide a ready explanation for water passage through transporters.

Analysis of environmental scores in membrane proteins. The profile analysis methodology has been developed for globular proteins. Hence, in the way it currently stands, the side chains pointing outward from the protein are necessarily assumed to be exposed to water. By design, the profile program does not differentiate between globular and membrane proteins. In consequence, the side chains of membrane proteins projecting outward from the transmembrane segments would interact with the lipid membrane milieu, and ought to be considered buried, while the current algorithm may treat them as exposed. This trend can be gathered from the third panel in Fig. 8d, showing the environment of *Rhodobacter capsulatus* porin. For a visual impression, we arbitrarily converted the six side-chain environment categories (B1, B2, B3, P1, P2, and E) into respective environmental "hydrophobicities" [1-fraction polar) x (area buried)] using average values from Fig. 4 of (Bowie et al., 1991, *Science*, 253:164-170). In principl, each consecutive residue in a transmembrane  $\beta$ -strand might be expected to show a clear alt rnation in environment with r spect to the prior one. Some limited alternation is det ct d for

the strands (panel 3, Fig. 7d), but only rarely going into the high hydrophobicity region that would be expected for the bilayer environment. We believe that perhaps that is why the global scores we obtain in

5 Figs. 9a and 9b are lower than those obtained for globular proteins, and why the algorithm does not separate the protein scores as it otherwise might. Still, even with limitations, the algorithm is promising in that it does some discrimination

10 consistent with expectations.

**Functional possibilities for multimers.** Anti-porters such as the  $H^+/K^+$ -ATPase, plus symports such as the  $Na^+/K^+/2Cl^-$  transporters pose as questions whether the multiply transported ions might share the same

15 route through the protein, and how could that be, especially for ions of opposite charge. Consideration of the porin arrangement leads us to speculate that perhaps the paths for the individual species might be separate, after all; each species might traverse the

20 channel of a different "repeat", each one having its own suitable selectivity. Merging of the channels might account somehow for the stoichiometry observed.

Various publications are cited herein, the texts of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their

25 entireties.

## SEQUENCE LISTING

## (1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

(i) APPLICANT: Fischbarg, Jorge  
Czagledy, Ferenc  
Iserovich, Pavel  
Li, Jun  
Cheung, Min

(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: A METHOD FOR PREDICTING PROTEIN  
STRUCTURE

(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 3

## (iv) CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:

(A) ADDRESSEE: Brumbaugh, Graves, Donohue & Raymond  
(B) STREET: 30 Rockefeller Plaza  
(C) CITY: New York  
(D) STATE: NY  
(E) COUNTRY: USA  
(F) ZIP: 10112-0228

## (v) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

(A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk  
(B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible  
(C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS  
(D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25

## (vi) CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:

(A) APPLICATION NUMBER: US 08/355,844  
(B) FILING DATE: 14-DEC-1994  
(C) CLASSIFICATION:

## (viii) ATTORNEY/AGENT INFORMATION:

(A) NAME: Tang, Henry Y.S.  
(B) REGISTRATION NUMBER: 29,705  
(C) REFERENCE/DOCKET NUMBER: A29927-50/29910

## (ix) TELECOMMUNICATION INFORMATION:

(A) TELEPHONE: 212-408-2586  
(B) TELEFAX: 212-765-2519

## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

## (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 340 amino acids  
(B) TYPE: amino acid  
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single  
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

## (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

## (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Escherichia coli

## (ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: Peptide  
(B) LOCATION: 1..340  
(C) OTHER INFORMATION: OmpF porin protein

-72-

## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:

Ala Glu Ile Tyr Asn Lys Asp Gly Asn Lys Val Asp Leu Tyr Gly Lys  
 1 5 10 15

Ala Val Gly Leu His Tyr Arg Ser Lys Gly Asn Gly Glu Asn Ser Tyr  
 20 25 30

Gly Gly Asn Gly Asp Met Thr Tyr Ala Arg Leu Gly Phe Lys Gly Glu  
 35 40 45

Thr Gln Ile Asn Ser Asp Leu Thr Gly Tyr Gly Gln Trp Glu Tyr Asn  
 50 55 60

Phe Gln Gly Asn Asn Ser Glu Gly Ala Asp Ala Gln Thr Gly Asn Lys  
 65 70 75 80

Thr Arg Leu Ala Phe Ala Gly Leu Lys Tyr Ala Asp Val Gly Ser Phe  
 85 90 95

Asp Tyr Gly Arg Asn Tyr Gly Val Val Tyr Asp Ala Leu Gly Tyr Thr  
 100 105 110

Asp Met Leu Pro Glu Phe Gly Gly Asp Thr Ala Tyr Ser Asp Asp Phe  
 115 120 125

Phe Val Gly Arg Val Gly Gly Val Ala Thr Tyr Arg Asn Ser Asn Phe  
 130 135 140

Phe Gly Leu Val Asp Gly Leu Asn Phe Ala Val Gln Tyr Leu Gly Lys  
 145 150 155 160

Asn Glu Arg Asp Thr Ala Arg Arg Ser Asn Gly Asp Gly Val Gly Gly  
 165 170 175

Ser Ile Ser Tyr Glu Tyr Asx Gly Phe Gly Ile Val Gly Ala Tyr Gly  
 180 185 190

Ala Ala Asp Arg Thr Asn Leu Gln Glu Ala Gln Pro Leu Gly Asn Gly  
 195 200 205

Lys Lys Ala Glu Gln Trp Ala Thr Gly Leu Lys Tyr Asp Ala Asn Asn  
 210 215 220

Ile Tyr Leu Ala Ala Asn Tyr Gly Glu Thr Arg Asn Ala Thr Pro Ile  
 225 230 235 240

Thr Asn Lys Phe Thr Asn Thr Ser Gly Phe Ala Asn Lys Thr Gln Asp  
 245 250 255

Val Leu Leu Val Ala Gln Tyr Gln Phe Asp Phe Gly Leu Arg Pro Ser  
 260 265 270

Ile Ala Tyr Thr Lys Ser Lys Ala Lys Asp Val Glu Gly Ile Gly Asp  
 275 280 285

Val Asp Leu Val Asn Tyr Ph Glu Val Gly Ala Thr Tyr Tyr Phe Asn  
 290 295 300

Lys Asn Met Ser Thr Tyr Val Asp Tyr Ile Ile Asn Gln Ile Asp Ser  
 305 310 315 320

Asp Asn Lys Leu Gly Val Gly Ser Asp Asp Thr Val Ala Val Gly Ii  
 325 330 335

Thr Ala Val Asp His Lys Ala Tyr Gly Leu S r Val Asp Ser Thr Phe  
 225 230 235 240  
 Gly Ala Thr Thr Val Gly Gly Tyr Val Gln Val Leu Asp Ile Asp Thr  
 245 250 255  
 Ile Asp Asp Val Thr Tyr Tyr Gly Leu Gly Ala Ser Tyr Asp Leu Gly  
 260 265 270  
 Gly Gly Ala Ser Ile Val Gly Gly Ile Ala Asp Asn Asp Leu Pro Asn  
 275 280 285  
 Ser Asp Asn Val Ala Asp Leu Gly Val Lys Phe Lys Phe  
 290 295 300

## (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
  - (A) LENGTH: 492 amino acids
  - (B) TYPE: amino acid
  - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
  - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
  - (A) ORGANISM: Human
- (ix) FEATURE:
  - (A) NAME/KEY: Peptide
  - (B) LOCATION: 1..492
  - (C) OTHER INFORMATION: Facilitative glucose transportor  
Glut1 protein

## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

Met Glu Pro Ser Ser Lys Lys Leu Thr Gly Arg Leu Met Leu Ala Val  
 1 5 10 15  
 Gly Gly Ala Val Leu Gly Ser Leu Gln Phe Gly Tyr Asn Thr Gly Val  
 20 25 30  
 Ile Asn Ala Pro Gln Lys Val Ile Glu Glu Phe Tyr Asn Gln Thr Trp  
 35 40 45  
 Val His Arg Tyr Gly Glu Ser Ile Leu Pro Thr Thr Leu Thr Thr Leu  
 50 55 60  
 Trp Ser Leu Ser Val Ala Ile Phe Ser Val Gly Gly Met Ile Gly Ser  
 65 70 75 80  
 Phe Ser Val Gly Leu Phe Val Asn Arg Phe Gly Arg Arg Asn Ser Met  
 85 90 95  
 Leu Met Met Asn Leu Leu Ala Phe Val Ser Ala Val Leu Met Gly Phe  
 100 105 110  
 Ser Lys Leu Gly Lys Ser Phe Glu Met Leu Ile Leu Gly Arg Phe Ile  
 115 120 125  
 Ile Gly Val Tyr Cys Gly Leu Thr Thr Gly Phe Val Pro Met Tyr Val  
 130 135 140

Gly Glu Val Ser Pro Thr Ala Phe Arg Gly Ala L u Gly Thr Leu His  
 145 150 155 160  
 Gln Leu Gly Ile Val Val Gly Ile Leu Ile Ala Gln Val Phe Gly Leu  
 165 170 175  
 Asp Ser Ile Met Gly Asn Lys Asp Leu Trp Pro Leu Leu Ser Ile  
 180 185 190  
 Ile Phe Ile Pro Ala Leu Leu Gln Cys Ile Val Ile Pro Phe Cys Pro  
 195 200 205  
 Glu Ser Pro Arg Phe Leu Leu Ile Asn Arg Asn Glu Glu Asn Arg Ala  
 210 215 220  
 Lys Ser Val Leu Lys Lys Leu Arg Gly Thr Ala Asp Val Thr His Asp  
 225 230 235 240  
 Leu Gln Glu Met Lys Glu Ser Arg Gln Met Met Arg Glu Lys Lys  
 245 250 255  
 Val Thr Ile Leu Glu Leu Phe Arg Ser Pro Ala Tyr Arg Gln Pro Ile  
 260 265 270  
 Leu Ile Ala Val Val Leu Gln Leu Ser Gln Gln Leu Ser Gly Ile Asn  
 275 280 285  
 Ala Val Phe Tyr Tyr Ser Thr Ser Ile Phe Glu Lys Ala Gly Val Gln  
 290 295 300  
 Gln Pro Val Tyr Ala Thr Ile Gly Ser Gly Ile Val Asn Thr Ala Phe  
 305 310 315 320  
 Thr Val Val Ser Leu Phe Val Val Glu Arg Ala Gly Arg Arg Thr Leu  
 325 330 335  
 His Leu Ile Gly Leu Ala Gly Met Ala Gly Gln Ala Ile Leu Met Thr  
 340 345 350  
 Ile Ala Leu Ala Leu Leu Glu Gln Leu Pro Trp Met Ser Tyr Leu Ser  
 355 360 365  
 Ile Val Ala Ile Phe Gly Phe Val Ala Phe Phe Glu Val Gly Pro Gly  
 370 375 380  
 Pro Ile Pro Trp Phe Ile Val Ala Glu Leu Glu Ser Gln Gly Pro Arg  
 385 390 395 400  
 Pro Ala Ala Ile Ala Val Ala Gly Phe Ser Asn Trp Thr Ser Asn Phe  
 405 410 415  
 Ile Val Gly Met Cys Phe Gln Tyr Val Glu Gln Leu Cys Gly Pro Tyr  
 420 425 430  
 val Phe Ile Ile Phe Thr Val Leu Leu Val Leu Phe Phe Ile Arg Thr  
 435 440 445  
 Tyr Phe Lys Val Pro Glu Thr Lys Gly Arg Thr Phe Asp Glu Ile Ala  
 450 455 460  
 Ser Gly Phe Arg Gln Gly Gly Ala Ser Gln Ser Asp Lys Thr Pr Glu  
 465 470 475 480

-76-

.Glu Leu Phe His Pro Leu Gly Ala Asp Ser Gln Val  
485 490

Claims

- 1 1. A method of predicting the tendency of a protein  
2 to form an amphiphilic  $\alpha$  structure,  
3 comprising calculating a series of values for  
4  $U_{\alpha x}$  for a series of portions of the protein, each  
5 portion having a span of  $x$  residues, wherein the  
6 series of portions spans the protein, and wherein  
7  $x$  is any integer, comprising calculating a value  
8 for  $U_{\alpha x}$  using the equation  $U_{\alpha x} = H_x + \mu_{\alpha x} - \langle pt \rangle$ ,  
9 wherein  $H_x$  is the average hydrophobicity for a  
10 span of  $x$  residues using the Kyte-Doolittle scale,  
11  $\mu_{\alpha x}$  is the hydrophobic moment (span  $x$ ) for  $\alpha$   
12 structures, the angle between one residue and the  
13 successive residue being  $100^\circ$ , and  $\langle pt \rangle$  is the  
14 position dependent turn propensity, and further  
15 comprising depicting the values for  $U_{\alpha x}$   
16 graphically to form a series of peaks, wherein  
17 peaks wide enough to correspond to a segment of  
18 the amino acid sequence long enough to span the  
19 membrane as an  $\alpha$ -helix are predicted to be  $\alpha$   
20 structures.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, using the source  
2 code set forth in pages 12 - 18 of the  
3 specification.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 1, using the source  
2 code set forth in pages 20 - 32 of the  
3 specification.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, where  $x$  has a  
2 value of seven.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 2, where  $x$  has a  
2 value of seven.

- 1 6. The method according to claim 3, where x has a  
2 value of seven.
- 1 7. The method according to claim 1, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.
- 1 8. The method according to claim 2, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.
- 1 9. The method according to claim 3, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.
- 1 10. A method of predicting the tendency of a protein  
2 to form an amphiphilic  $\beta$  structure,  
3 comprising calculating a series of values for  
4  $U_{\beta x}$  for a series of portions of the protein, each  
5 portion having a span of x residues, wherein the  
6 series of portions spans the protein, and wherein  
7 x is any integer, comprising calculating a value  
8 for  $U_{\beta x}$  using the equation  $U_{\beta x} = H_x + \mu_{\beta x} - \langle pt \rangle$ ,  
9 wherein  $H_x$  is the average hydrophobicity for a  
10 span of x residues using the Kyte-Doolittle scale,  
11  $\mu_{\beta x}$  is the hydrophobic moment (span x) for  $\beta$   
12 structures, the angle between one residue and the  
13 successive residue being  $160^\circ$ , and  $\langle pt \rangle$  is the  
14 position dependent turn propensity, and further  
15 comprising depicting the values for  $U_{\beta x}$   
16 graphically to form a series of peaks, wherein  
17 peaks that are too narrow to correspond to a  
18 segment of the amino acid sequence long enough to  
19 span the membrane as an  $\alpha$ -helix but which are wide  
20 enough to correspond to a segment of the amino  
21 acid sequence with a length between 6 and 14 amino  
22 acid residues are predicted to be  $\beta$  structures.

1 11. The method according to claim 10, using the  
2 algorithm set forth in pages 12 - 18 of the  
3 specification.

1 12. The method according to claim 10, using the  
2 algorithm set forth in pages 20 - 32 of the  
3 specification.

1 13. The method according to claim 10, where x has a  
2 value of seven.

1 14. The method according to claim 11, where x has a  
2 value of seven.

1 15. The method according to claim 12, where x has a  
2 value of seven.

1 16. The method according to claim 10, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.

1 17. The method according to claim 11, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.

1 18. The method according to claim 12, where x has a  
2 value of twenty-one.

1 / 2 3

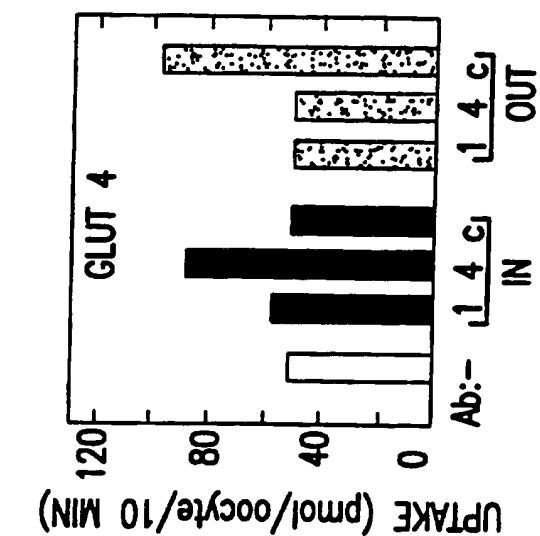


FIG. 1 C

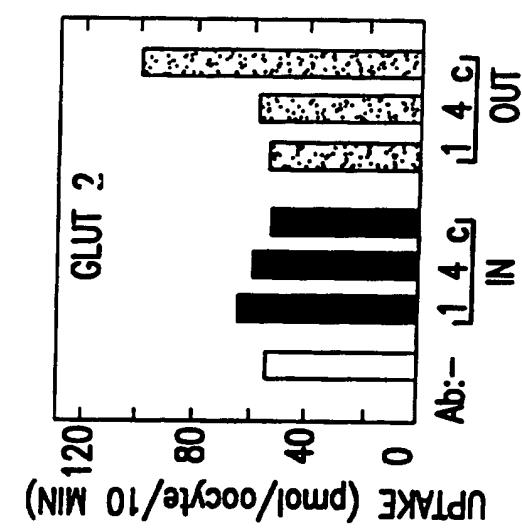


FIG. 1 B

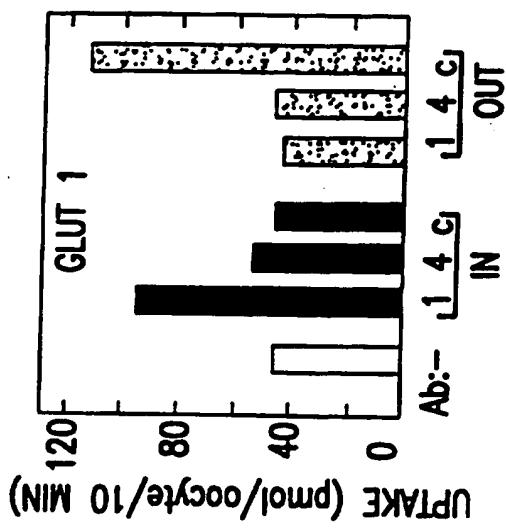


FIG. 1 A

2/23

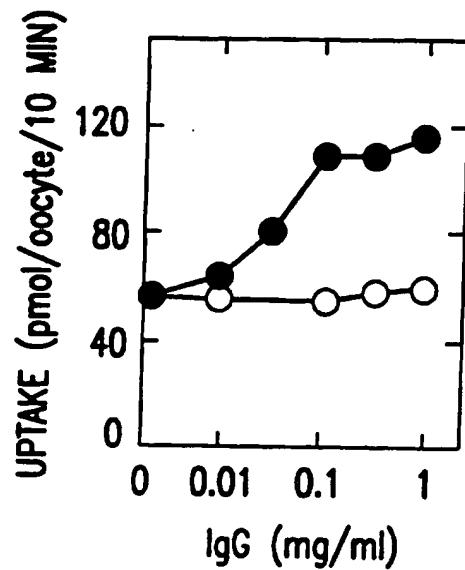


FIG.1d

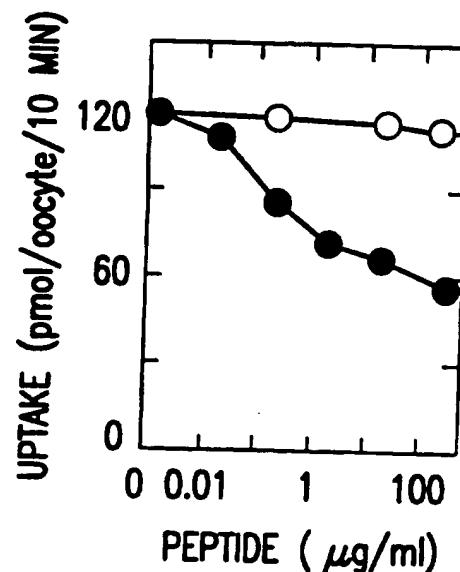


FIG.1e

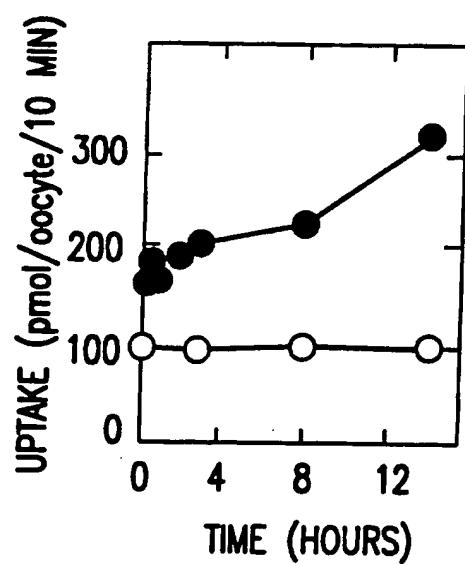


FIG.1f

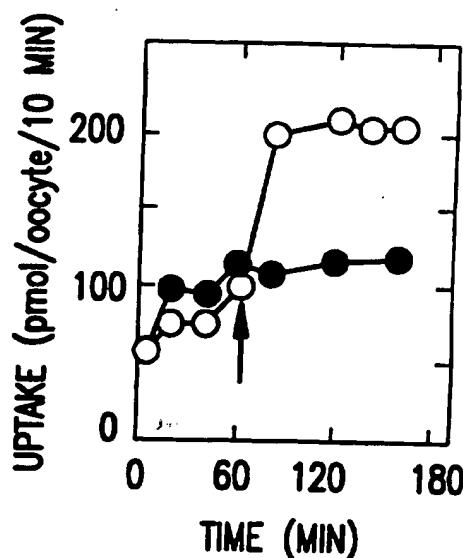


FIG.1g

3/23

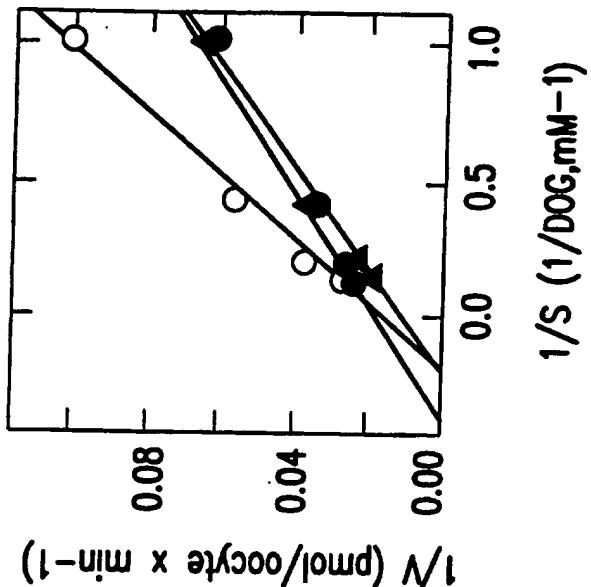


FIG. 1i

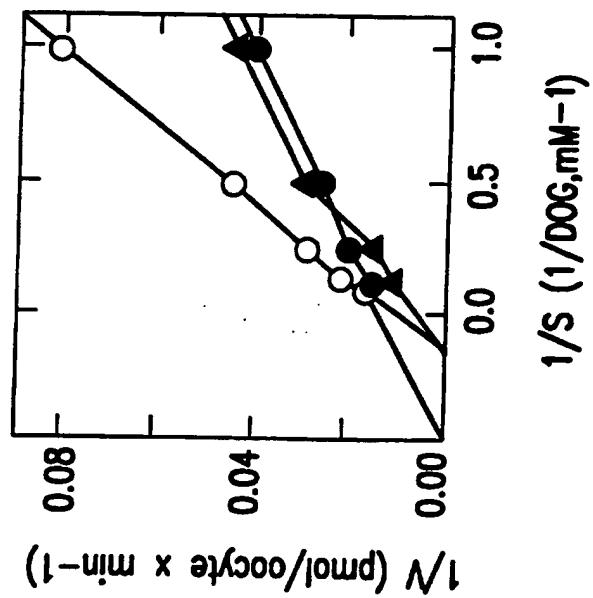


FIG. 1h

Ompf .....  
 S16070 .....  
 Gtr1\_Human MEPSSKKLTG RLMLAVGGAV LGSLQFCYNT GVINAPQKVI EEFYNQTVH 50

Ompf ....DGNKVD LYCKA.VGLH YESKGNGENS YG....GNG DMTYARLGFK  
 S16070 .....EVK LSGDARMGVM Y...NGDDWN FS....SRS ....RVLFT  
 Gtr1\_Human RYGESILPTT LTLWSLSVA IRSVGOMIGS FSVGLFVNRF GRRNSMLMMN 100

Ompf GETQINSQDLT GYCQWEYNFQ GN.....NS EGADAQTGNK TRAFAGLKY  
 S16070 MSGTTDSGL ...EFGASFK AH.....ES VGARTGEDGT VFLSGAFGKI  
 Gtr1\_Human LLAFVSAVLM GFSKLGKSFE MLILGRFIIG VYCGL TTGFV PMYVGEVSP 150

Ompf ADVGSDYGR N....YGWY DALGYDMLP EFGGDTAY.. SDDFFVGRVG  
 S16070 EMGDAIGASE AL...FGDLY E.VGYTDLDD RCGNDIPYLT GDERLTAEDN  
 Gtr1\_Human AFRGALGTLH QLGVVGILI AQVFGLDSIM GNKDLWPLLL SIIFPALLO 200

Ompf GVAT..YRNS NFFGLV..DG LNFAVQYLGK NERDTARRSN GDGVGGSISY  
 S16070 PVLL..YTYS ....A..GA FSVAAS.MSD GKVGETSEDD AQEMAVAAAY  
 Gtr1\_Human CIVPFCPES PRFLLINRNE ENRAKSVLKK LRGADVTHD LOEMKPESRQ 250

Ompf EYEG..FGIV GAYGAADRN LOEQPLGNG KKAECQWATGL KYDANNIYLA  
 S16070 TFGN..YTVG LGYEKIDSPD ....TALMAD MEQLELAIA KFGATNV..K  
 Gtr1\_Human MMREKKVTL ELERSPAYRQ PILIAVVLQL SQQLSGNAV FYYSTSIFEK 300

Ompf ANYGETRNAT PITKFTNTS GFANKTQDVL LVAQYQFDFG LRPSI.AYTK  
 S16070 AYYADGELDR DFARAVFDLT PVAAAATAVD HKA...YGLS VDSTFGATTV  
 Gtr1\_Human AGVQQPVYAT .GSGIVNTA PTWSLFVVE RAGRRTLHLI GLAGMAGGAI 350

Ompf SKAKDVEGIG DVDLYNYFEV GATY....YF NKNMSTYVDY IINQIDSDNK  
 S16070 GGYVOVLDD TDDDVYYGL GASY....DL GGGAS....IVGGI.ADND  
 Gtr1\_Human LMTIALALLE QLPWMSYSI VAIFGFVAFF EVGPGPIW IVAELDSQGP 400

Ompf LGVGSDDTV. ....AVG IVYQFAE IYN K.....  
 S16070 LP.NSDVA. ....DLG VKFKF.....  
 Gtr1\_Human RPAAIAVAGF SNWTSNFIVG MCFOYEQLC GPYVIFTV LLVLFFRY 450

Ompf .....  
 S16070 .....  
 Gtr1\_Human FKVPETKGFT FDEIASGFRQ GGASQSDKTP EELFHPLGAD SQV

5 / 2 3

FIG. 3

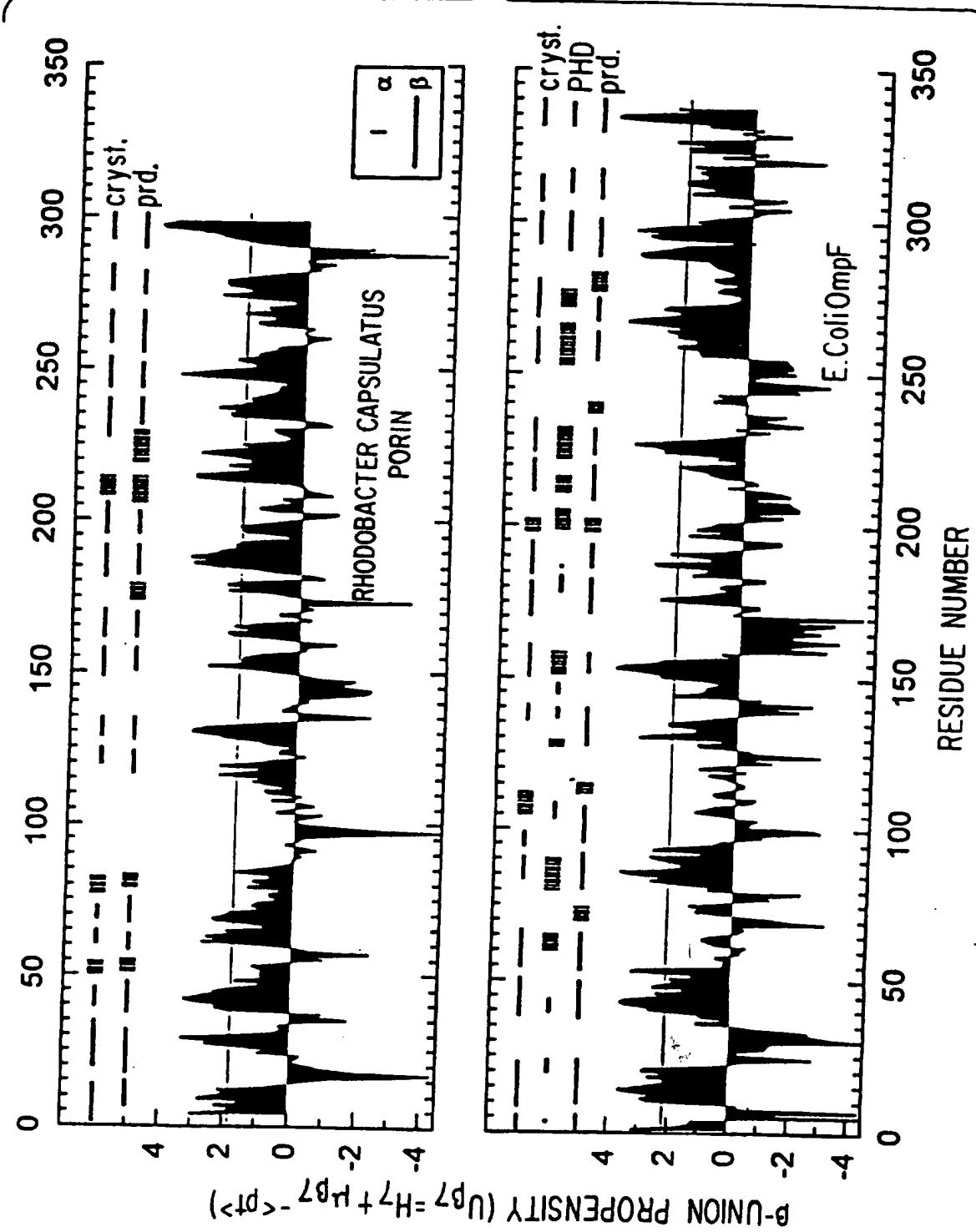
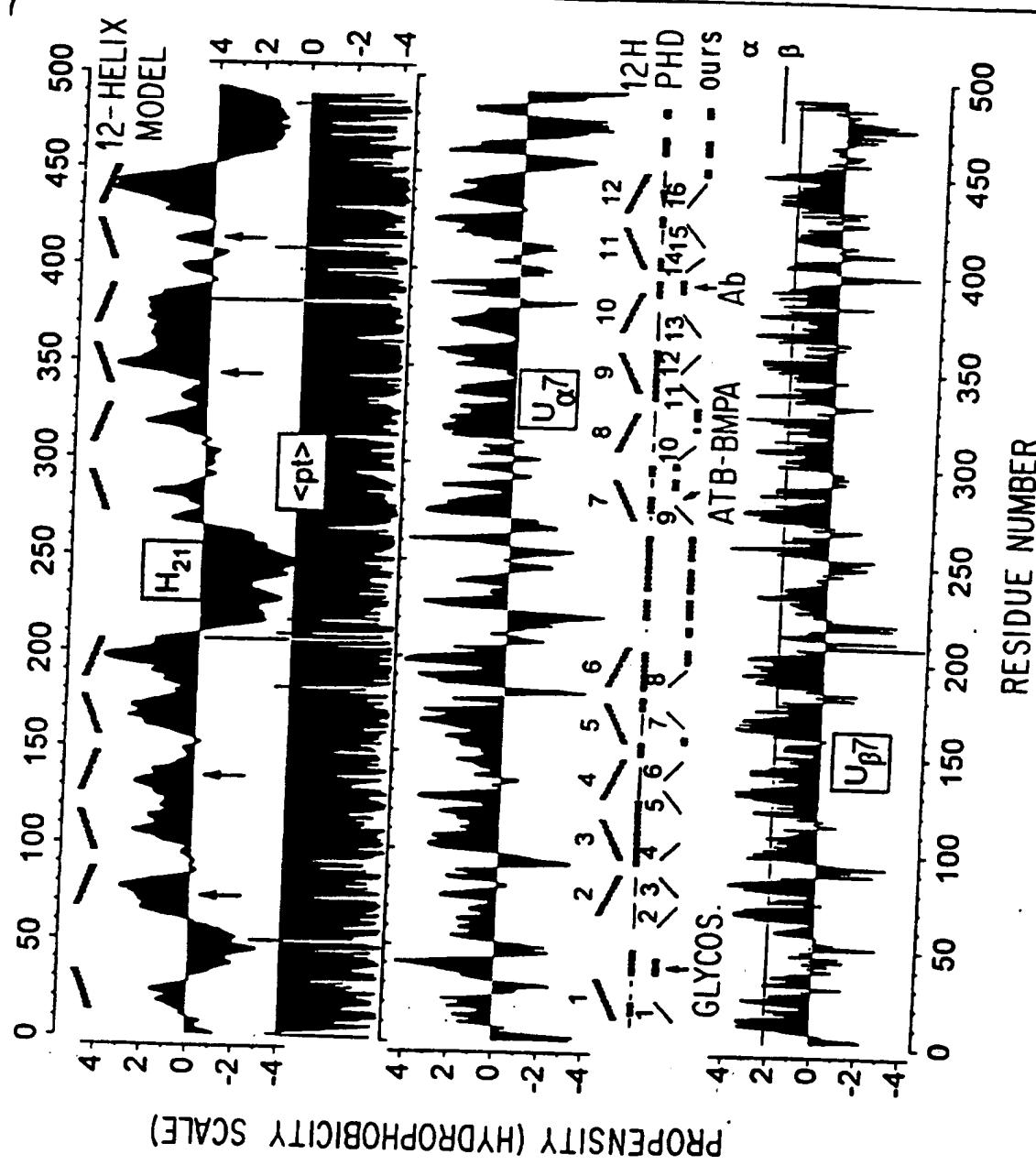


FIG. 4



SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26)

7/23

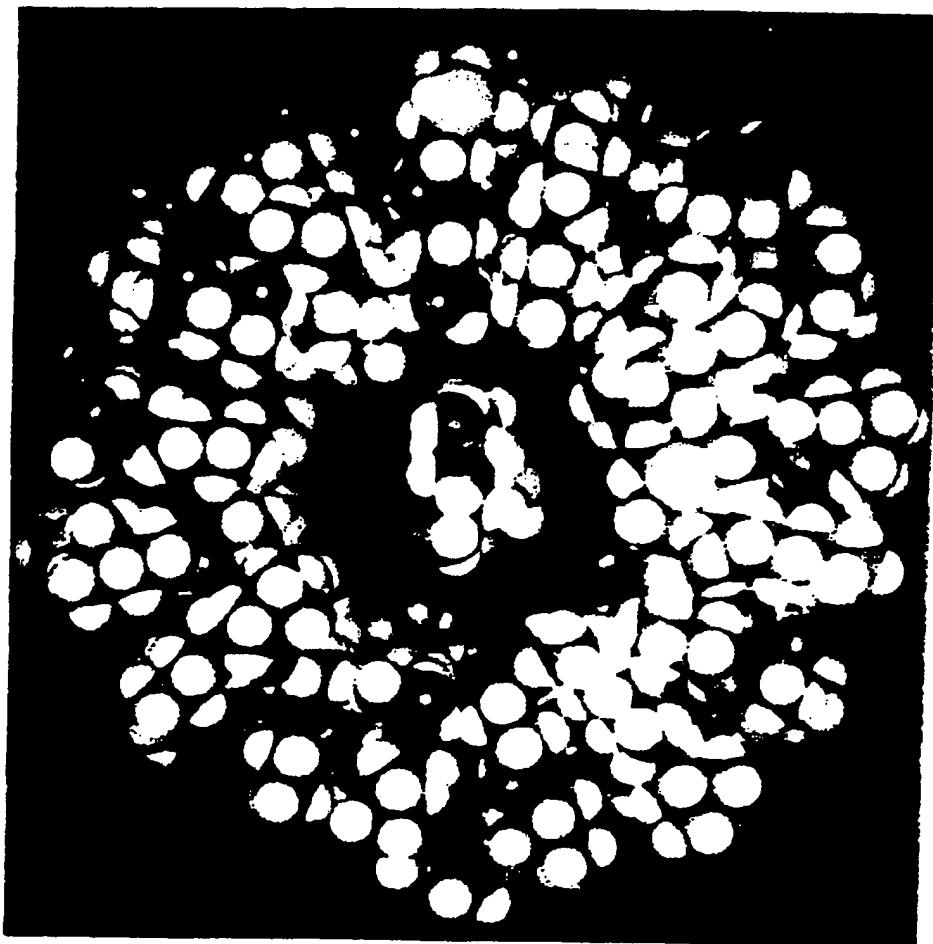


FIG.5

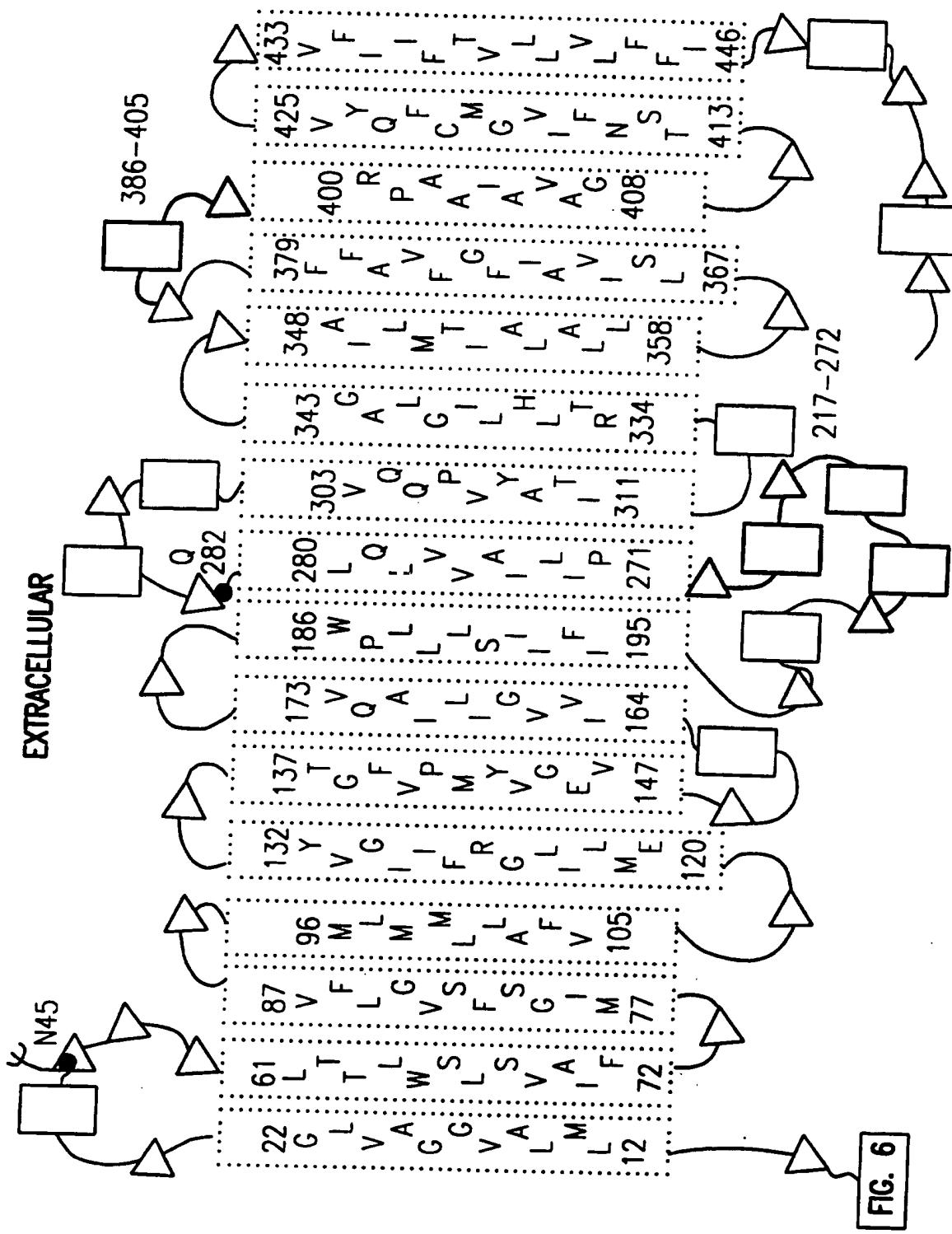


FIG. 6

9 / 2 3

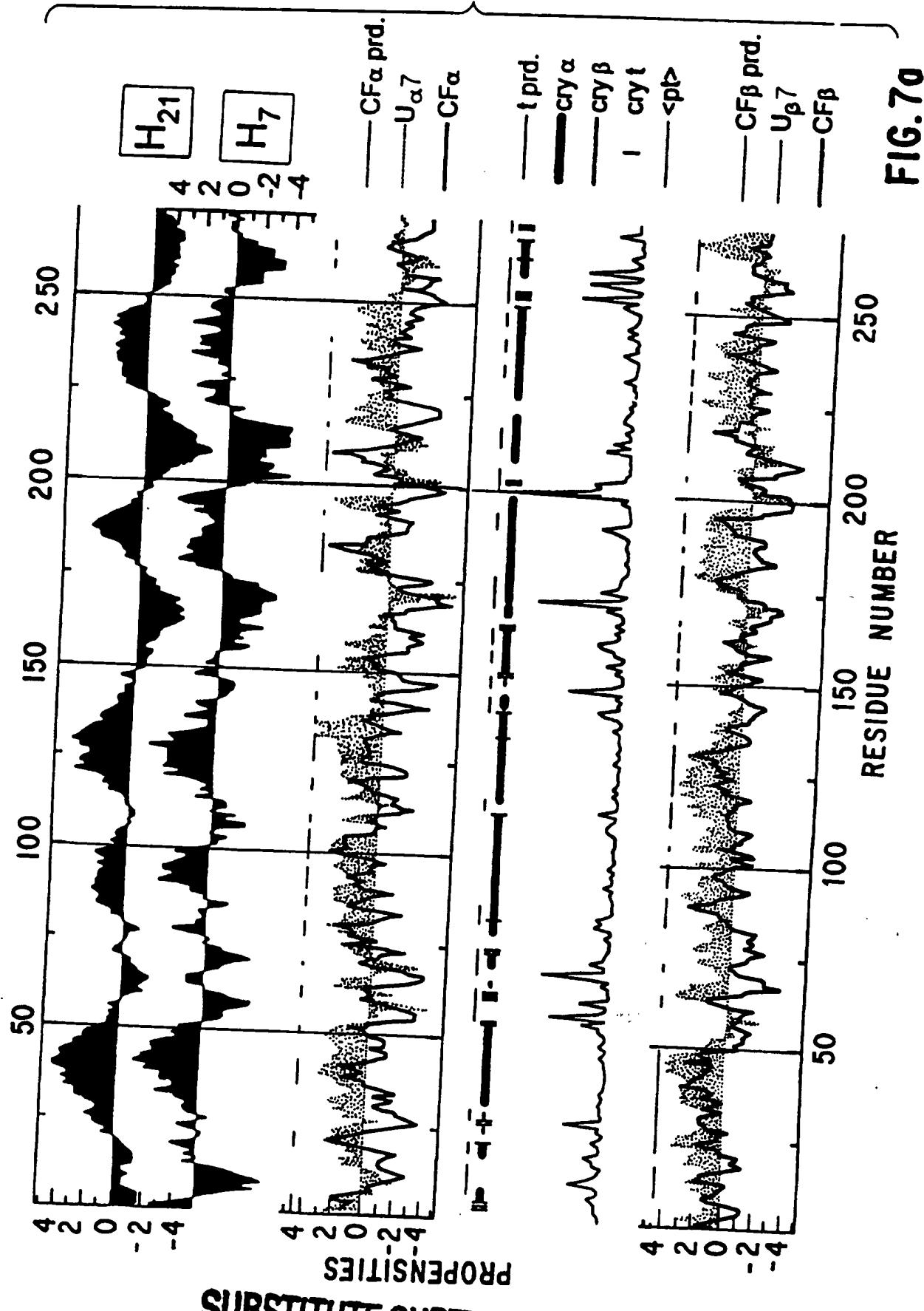


FIG. 70

10 / 23

FIG. 7b

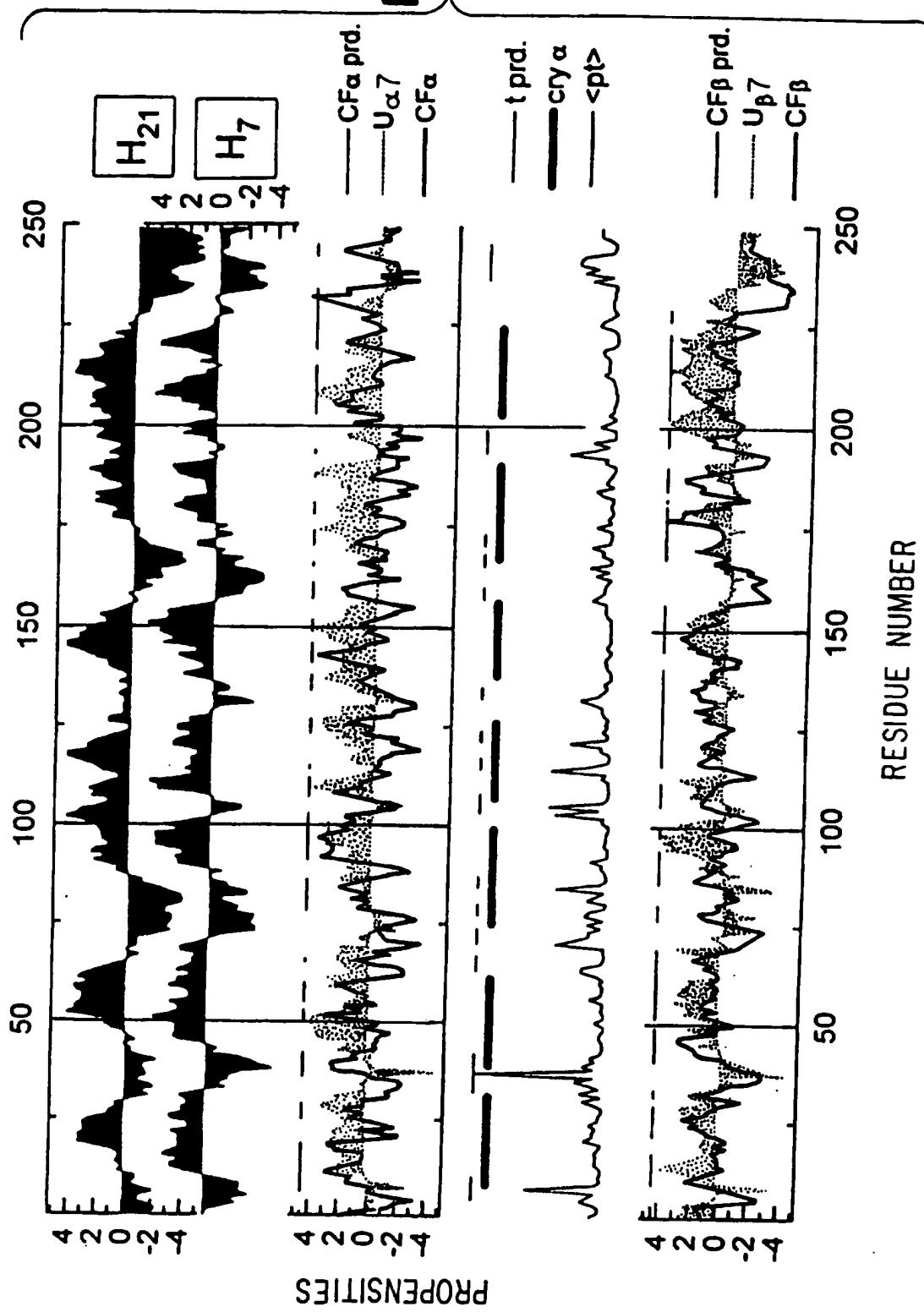
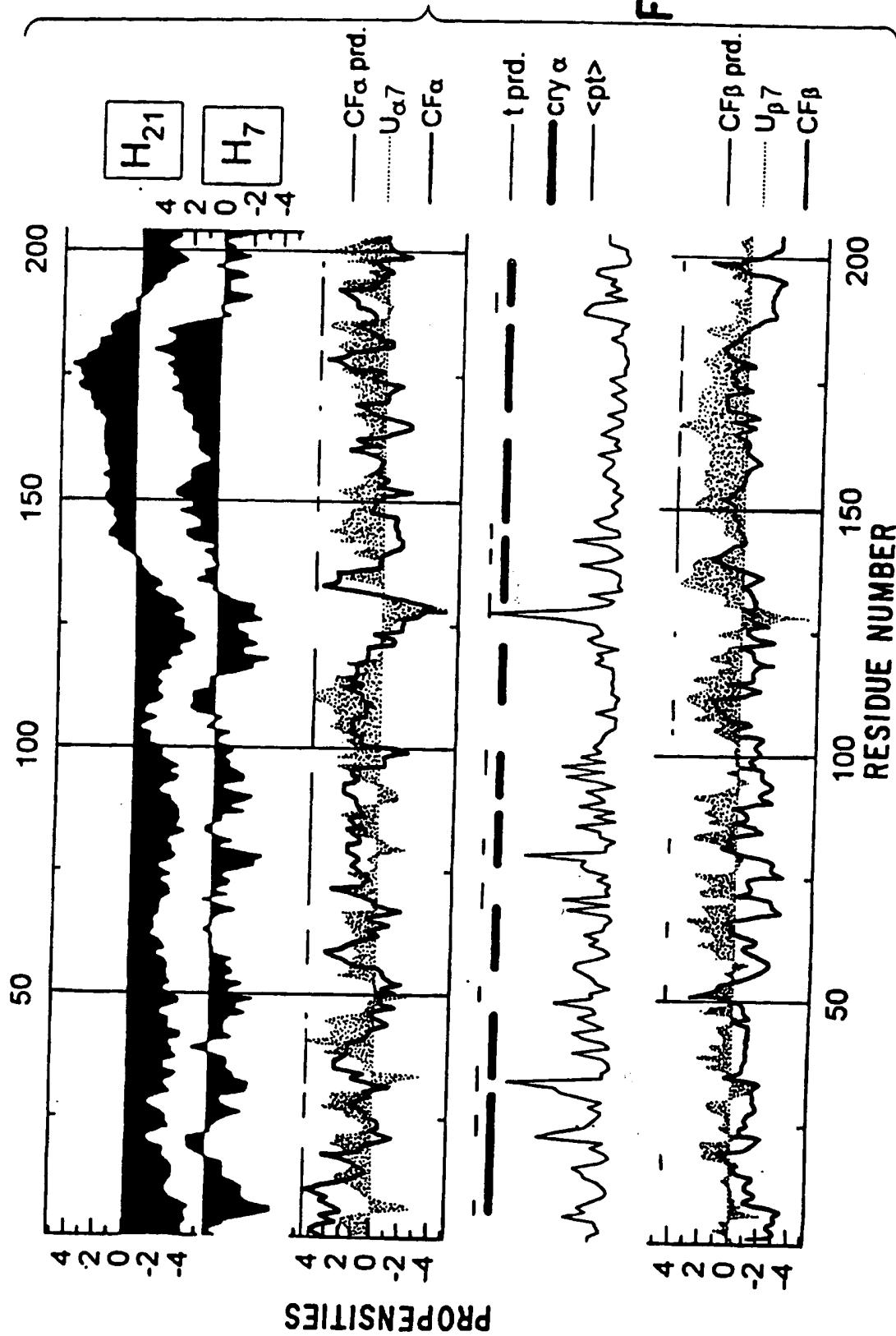


FIG. 7C



12 / 23

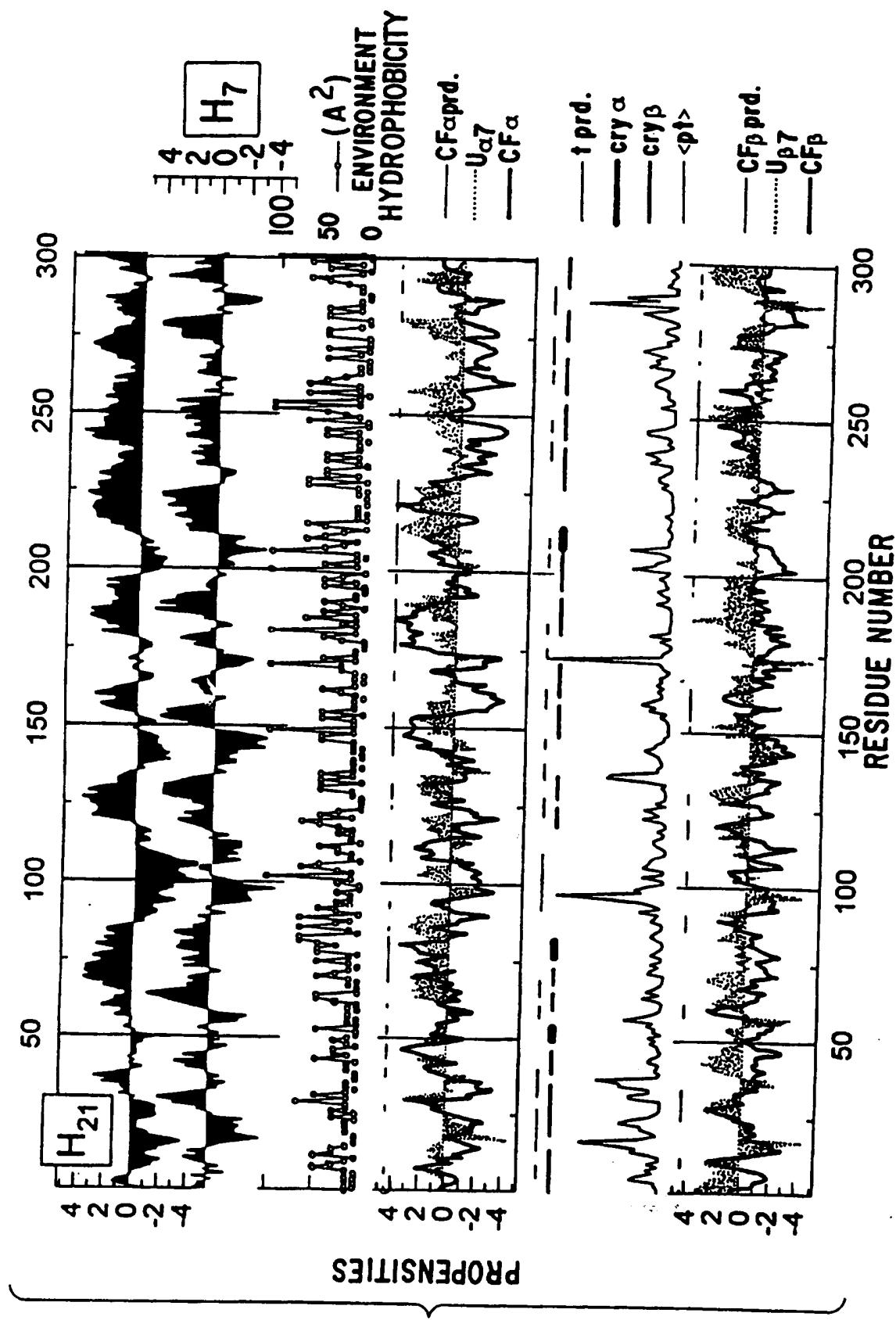
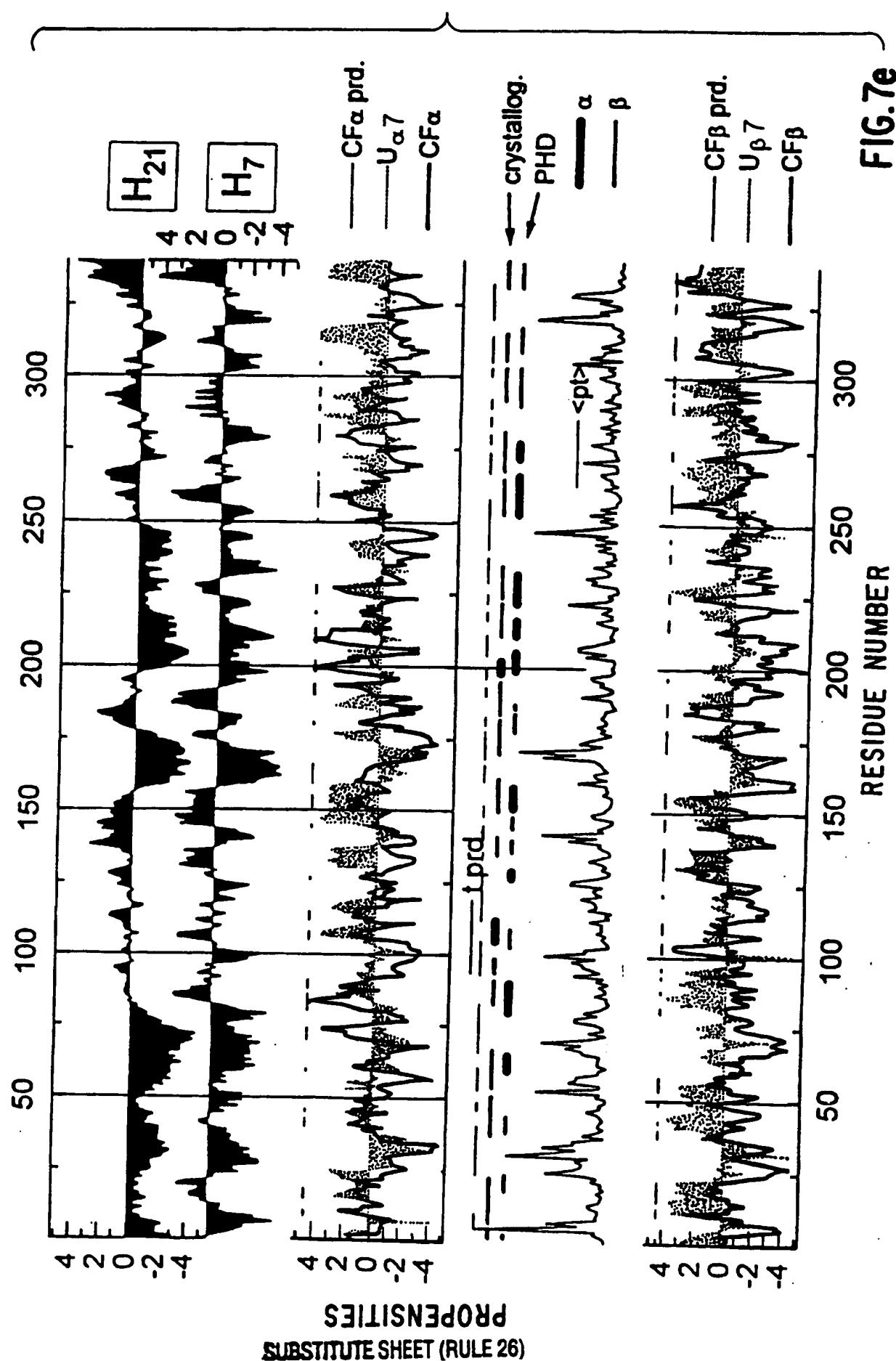
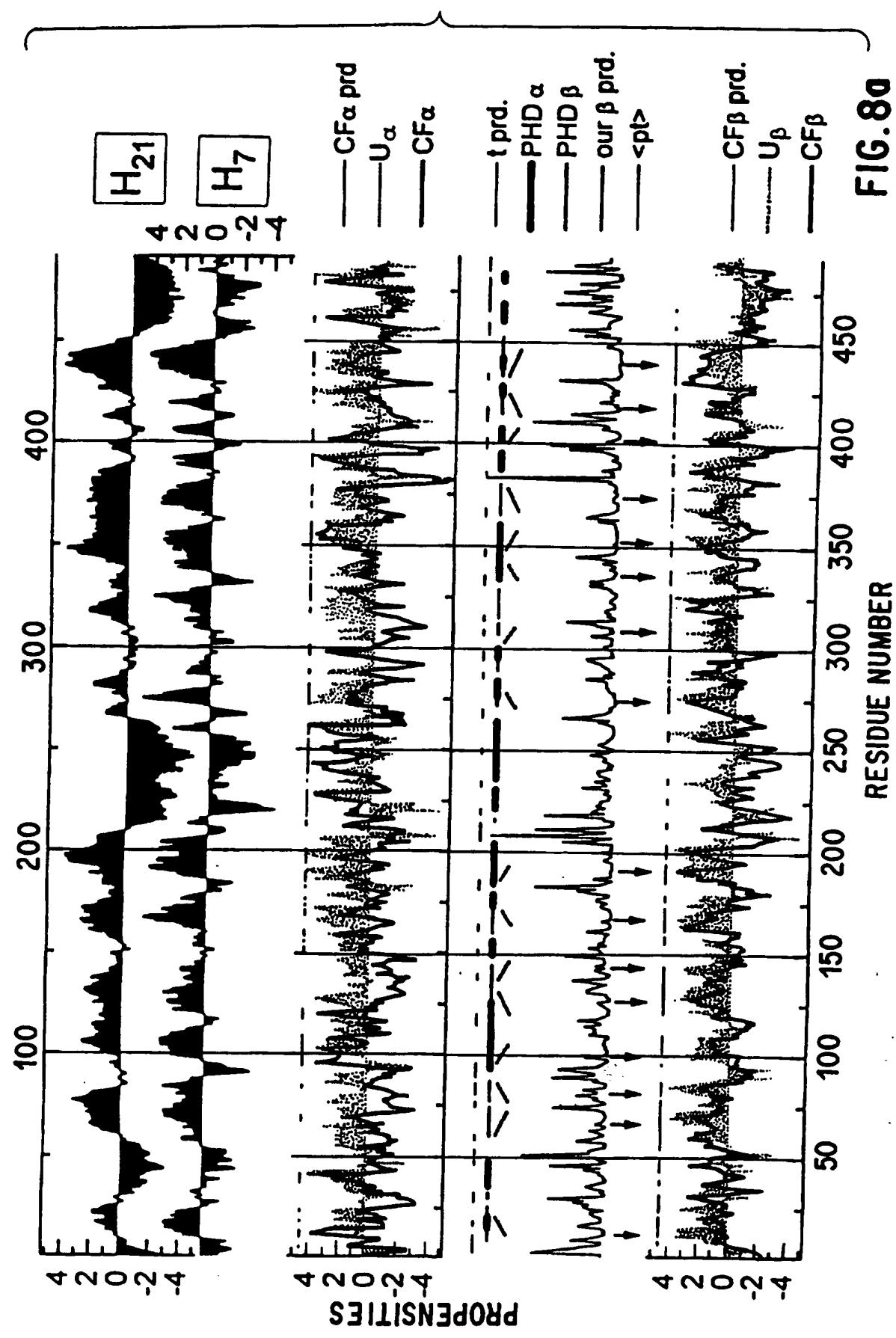
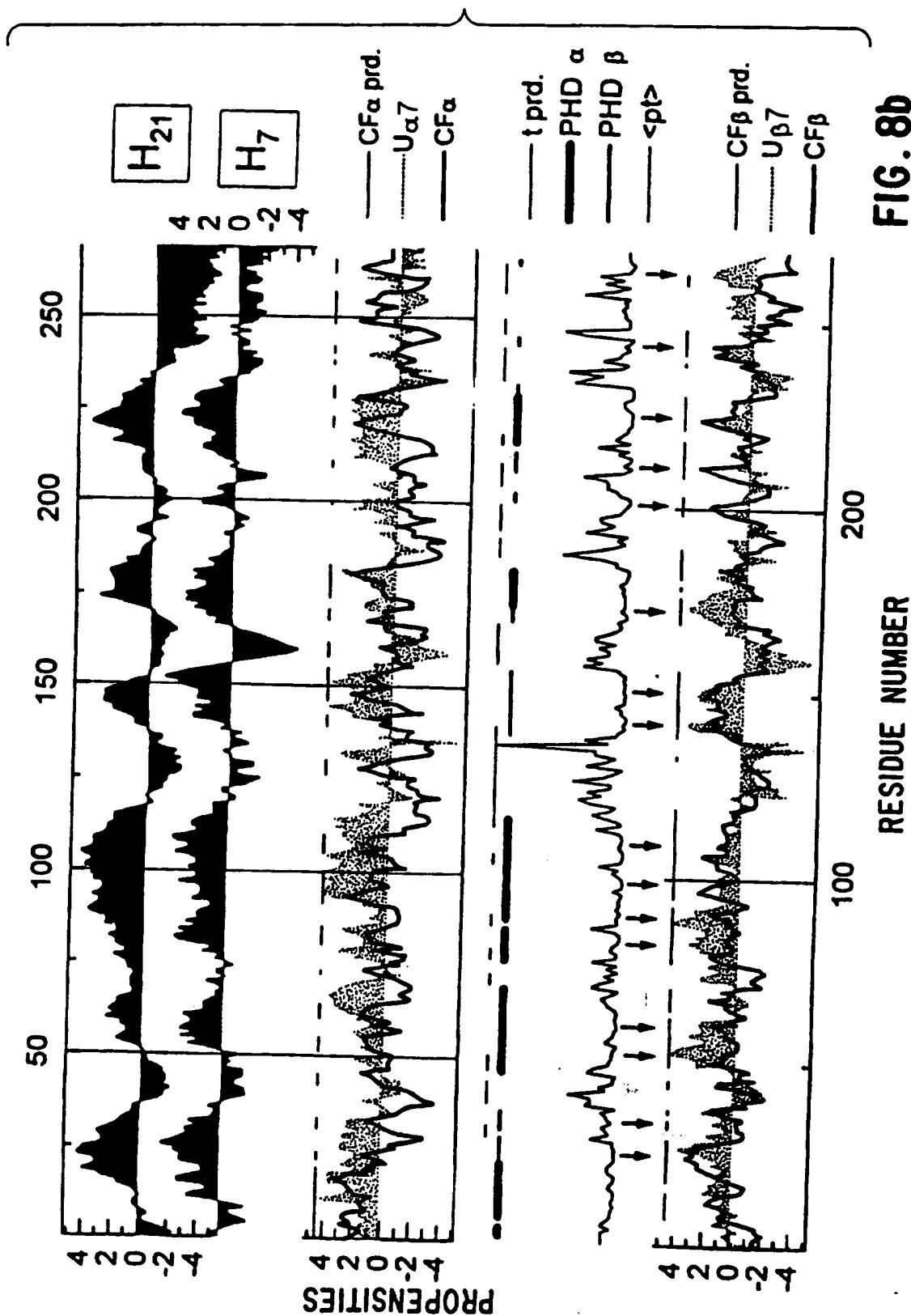


FIG. 7d



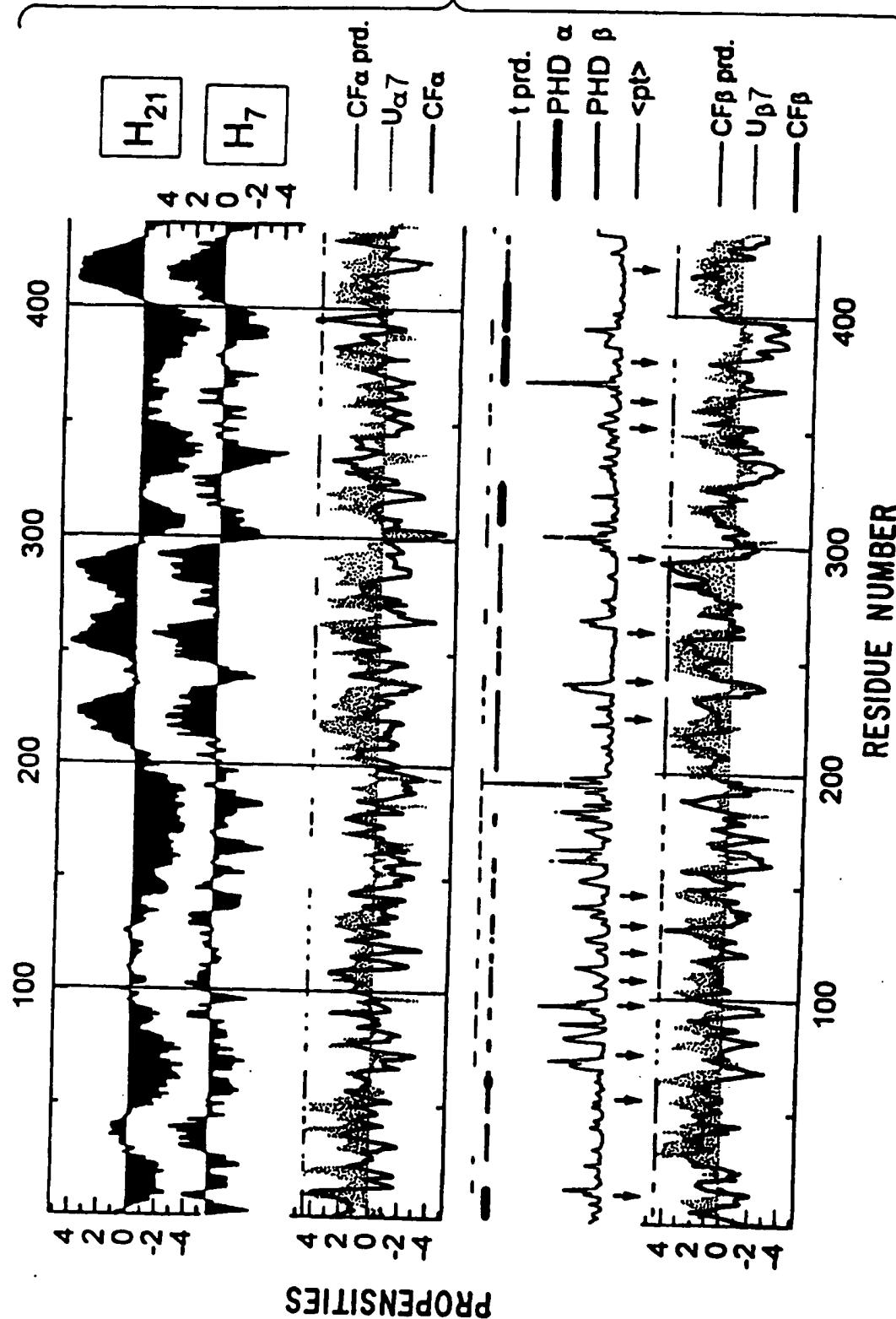


## **SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26)**

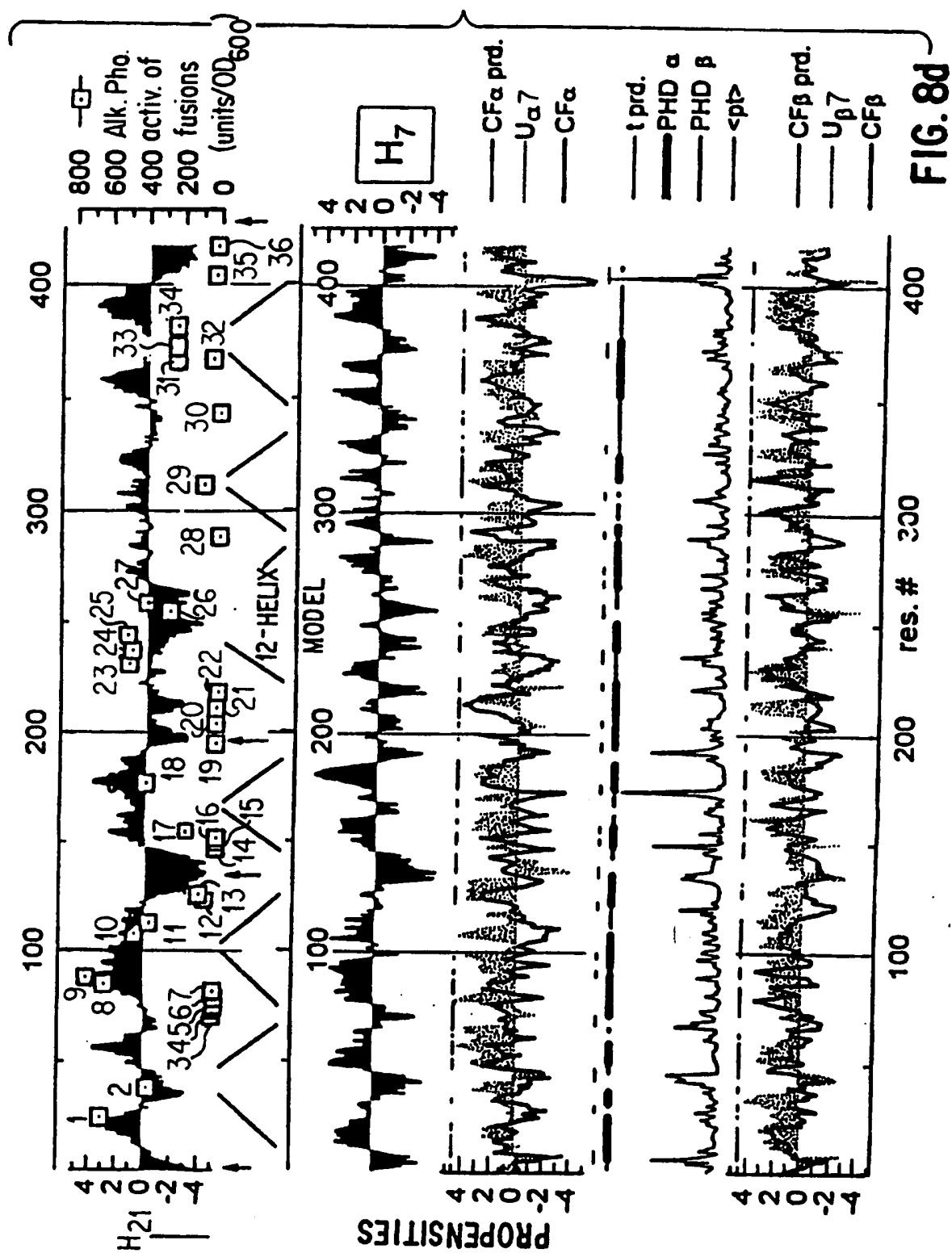


16 / 23

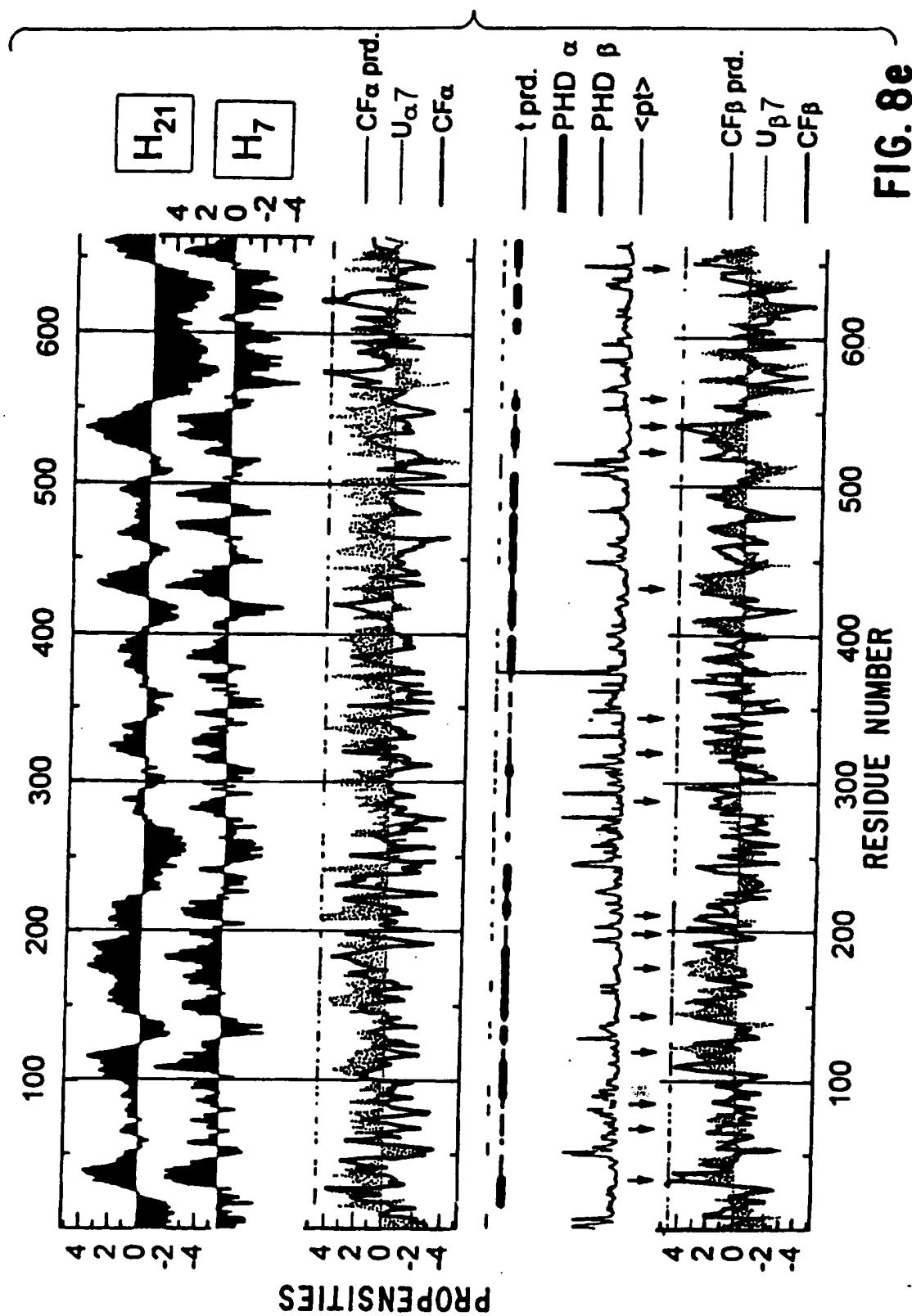
FIG. 8C



17 / 23



18 / 23



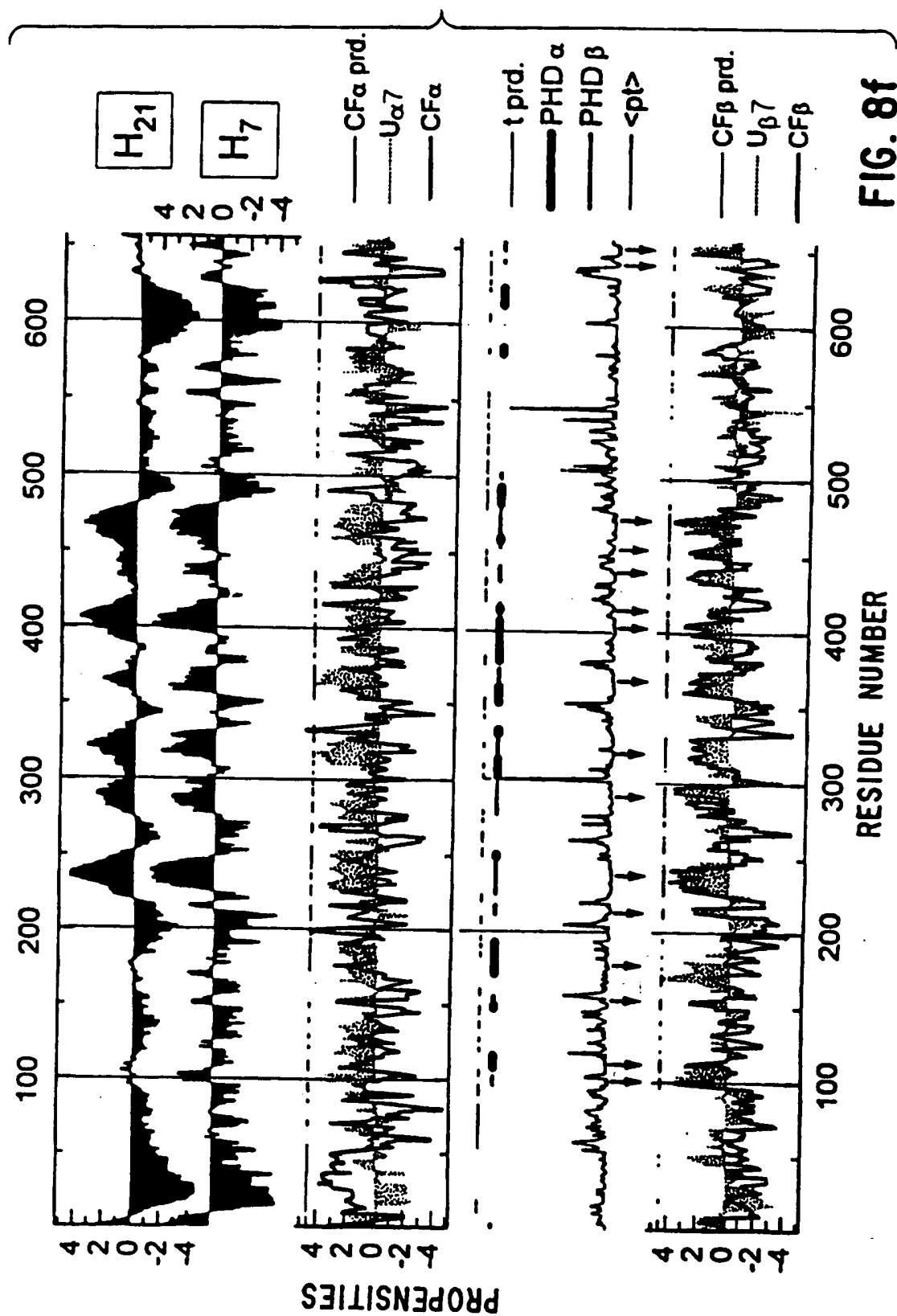


FIG. 8f

20 / 23

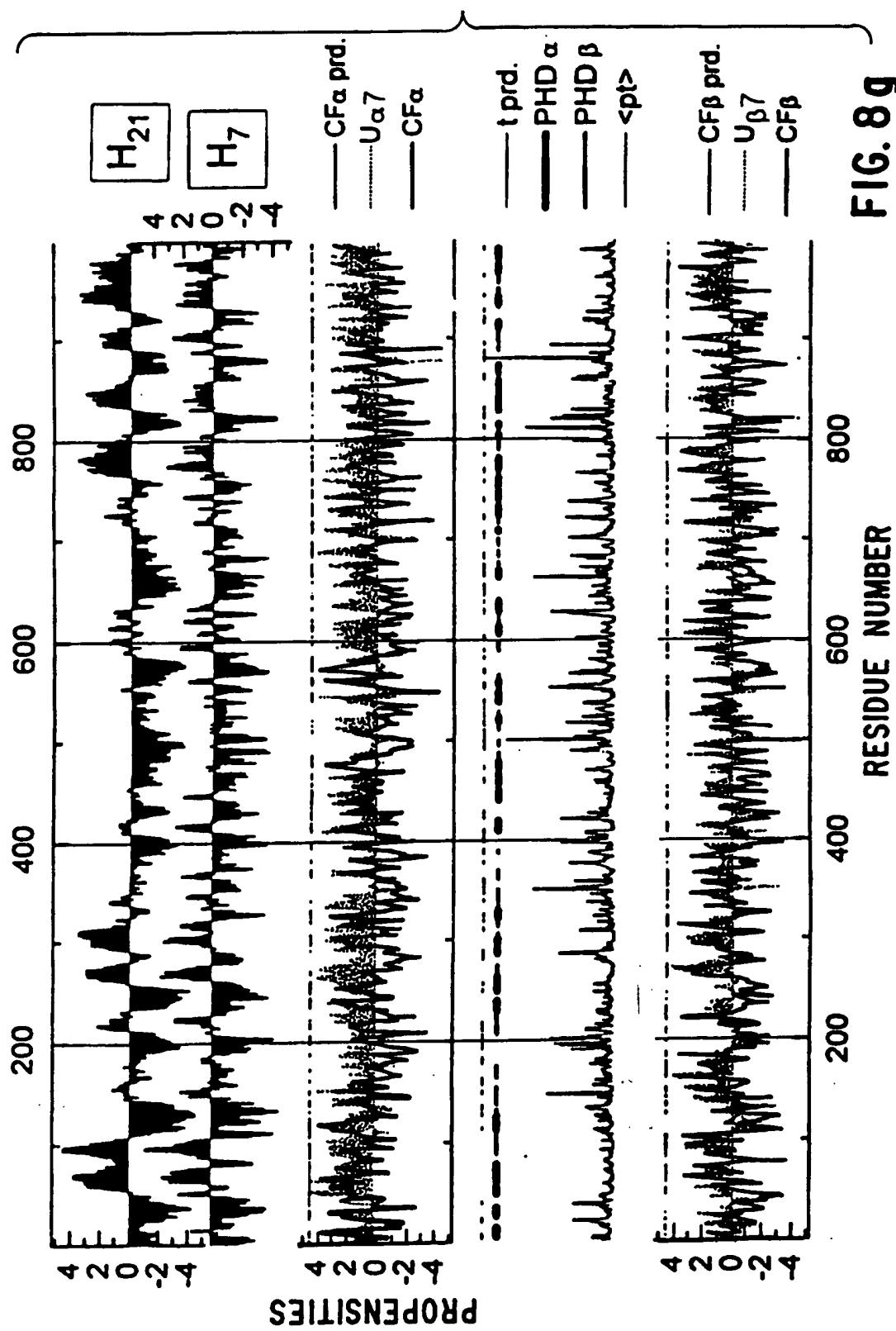


FIG. 8g

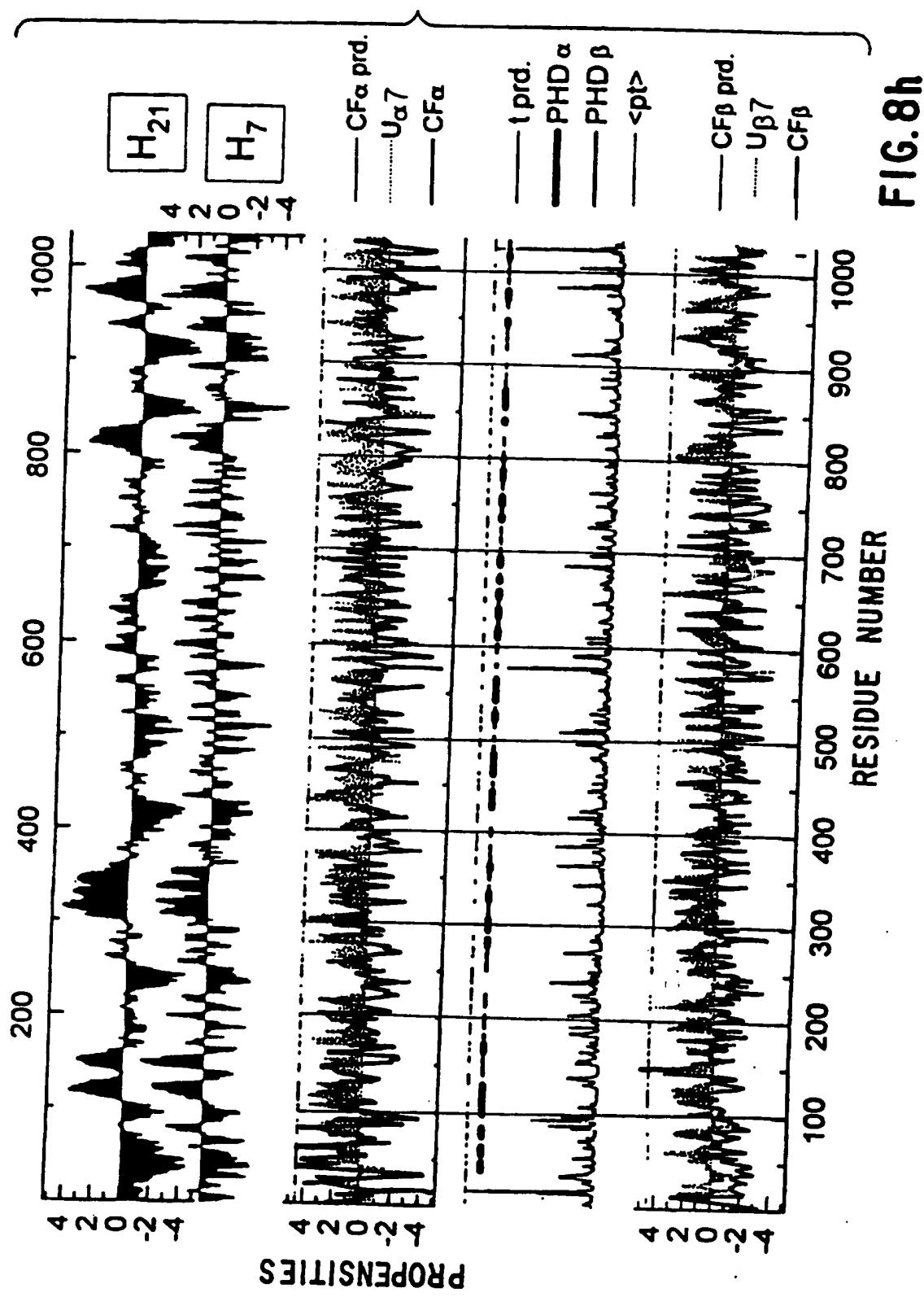


FIG. 8h

22/23

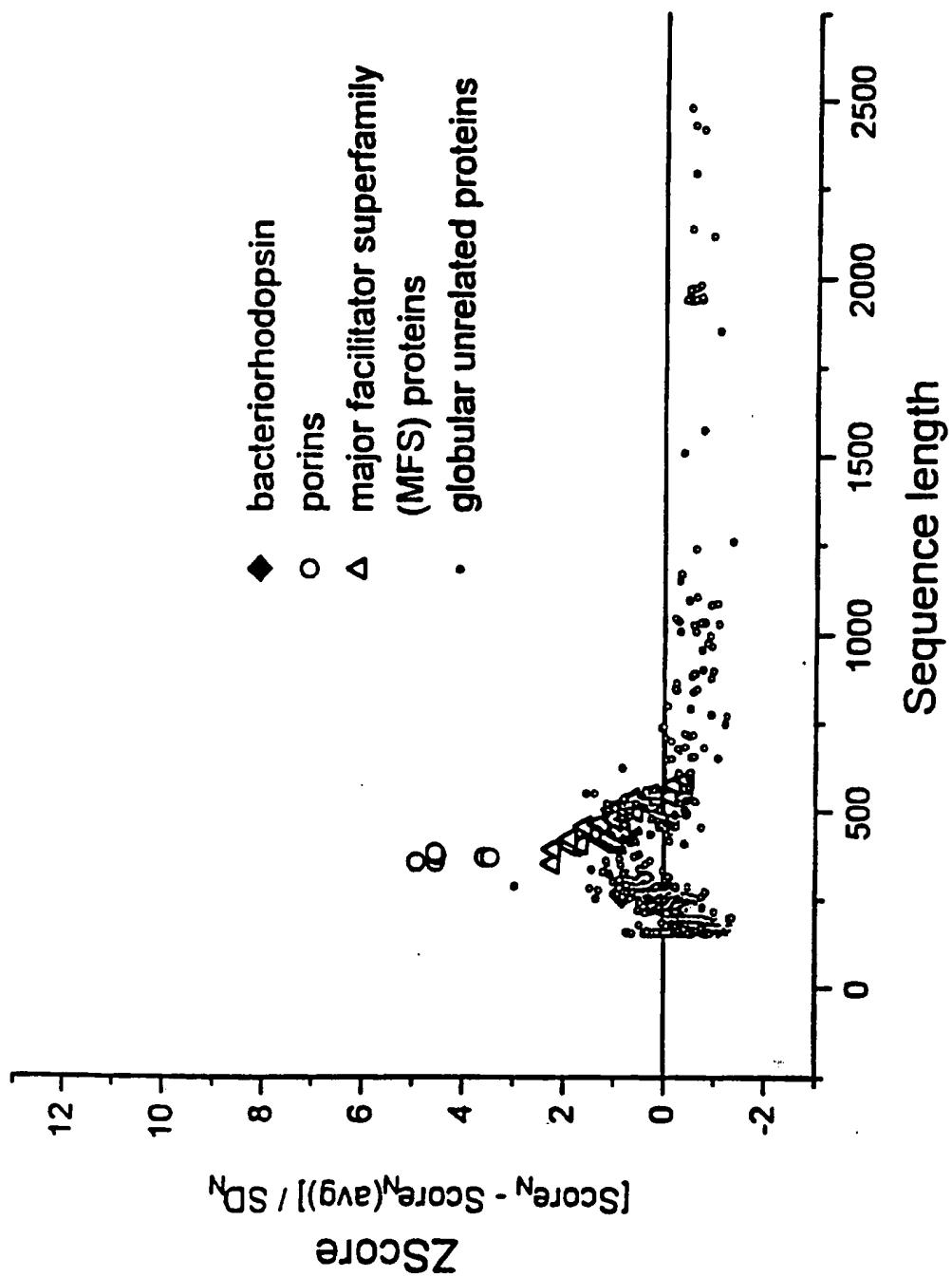


FIG. 9a

23 / 23

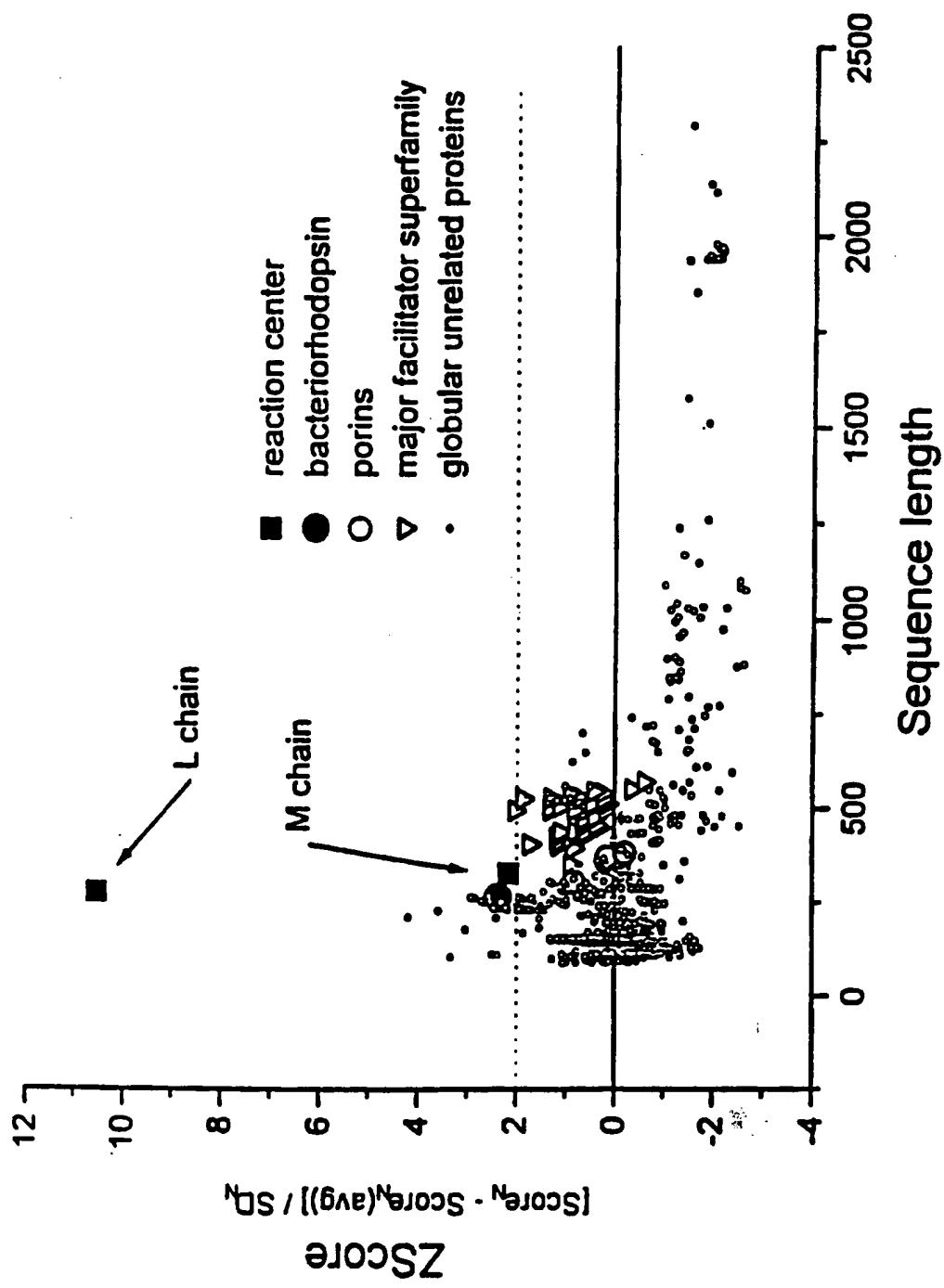


FIG. 9b

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US95/16126

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : G06F 17/10, 17/50, 19/00  
US CL : 364/496, 578

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 364/496-499, 578

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

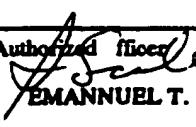
APS, PROQUEST, DIALOG, STN

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PROC. OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VOL. 90, NO. 24, ISSUED 15 DECEMBER 1993, FISCHBARG ET AL, "EVIDENCE THAT FACILITATIVE GLUCOSE TRANSPORTERS MAY FOLD AS [BETA]-BARRELS", PP. 11658-11662, ESPECIALLY THE METHODS SECTION.	1, 4-10, 13-18.
A	US, A, 5,265,030 (SKOLNICK ET AL) 23 NOVEMBER 1993, ALL SECTIONS.	1-18.
A	US, A, 4,853,871 (PANTOLIANO ET AL) 01 AUGUST 1989, ALL SECTIONS.	1-18.
A	US, A, 4,939,666 (HARDMAN) 03 JULY 1990, ALL SECTIONS.	1-18.

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.  See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	
*A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be part of particular relevance	*T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
*E* earlier document published on or after the international filing date	*X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
*L* document which may throw doubt on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	*Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
*O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	*Z* document member of the same patent family
*P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search	Date of mailing of the international search report
02 APRIL 1996	22 APR 1996
Name and mailing address of the ISA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231	Authorized officer  EMANUEL T. VOELTZ
Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Telephone No. (703) 305-9714

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/US95/16126

## C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	BIOTECHNIQUES, VOL. 14, NO. 6, ISSUED 1993, HOLBROOK, SR. ET AL, "PROBE: A COMPUTER PROGRAM EMPLOYING AN INTEGRATED NEURAL NETWORK", PP. 984-989.	1-18.
A	SYSTEM SCIENCES, 1994 ANNUAL HAWAII INT'L CONFERENCE, VOL. 5, ISSUED 1994, MILLER ET AL, "IDENTIFYING REPEATED STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS IN FOLDED PROTEINS", PP. 235-244.	1-18.
A	INDUSTRIAL FUZZY CONTROL AND INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS, 1993 INT'L CONFERENCE, ISSUED 1993, DAUGHERITY, "A NEURAL-FUZZY SYSTEM FOR THE PROTEIN FOLDING PROBLEM", PP. 47-49.	1-18.
A	BIOCHEMISTRY, VOL. 31, NO. 26, ISSUED 1992, YOSHIMURA ER AL, "FUSION OF PHOSPHOLIPID VESICLES INDUCED BY AN AMPHIPHILIC MODEL PEPTIDE: CLOSE CORRELATION BETWEEN FUSOGENICITY AND HYDROPHOBICITY OF THE PEPTIDE IN AN [ALPHA]-HELIX", PP. 6119-6126.	1-18.
A	SCIENCE, VOL. 223, ISSUED 20 JANUARY 1984, KAISER ET AL, "AMPHIPHILIC SECONDARY STRUCTURE: DESIGN OF PEPTIDE HORMONES", PP. 249-256.	1-18.